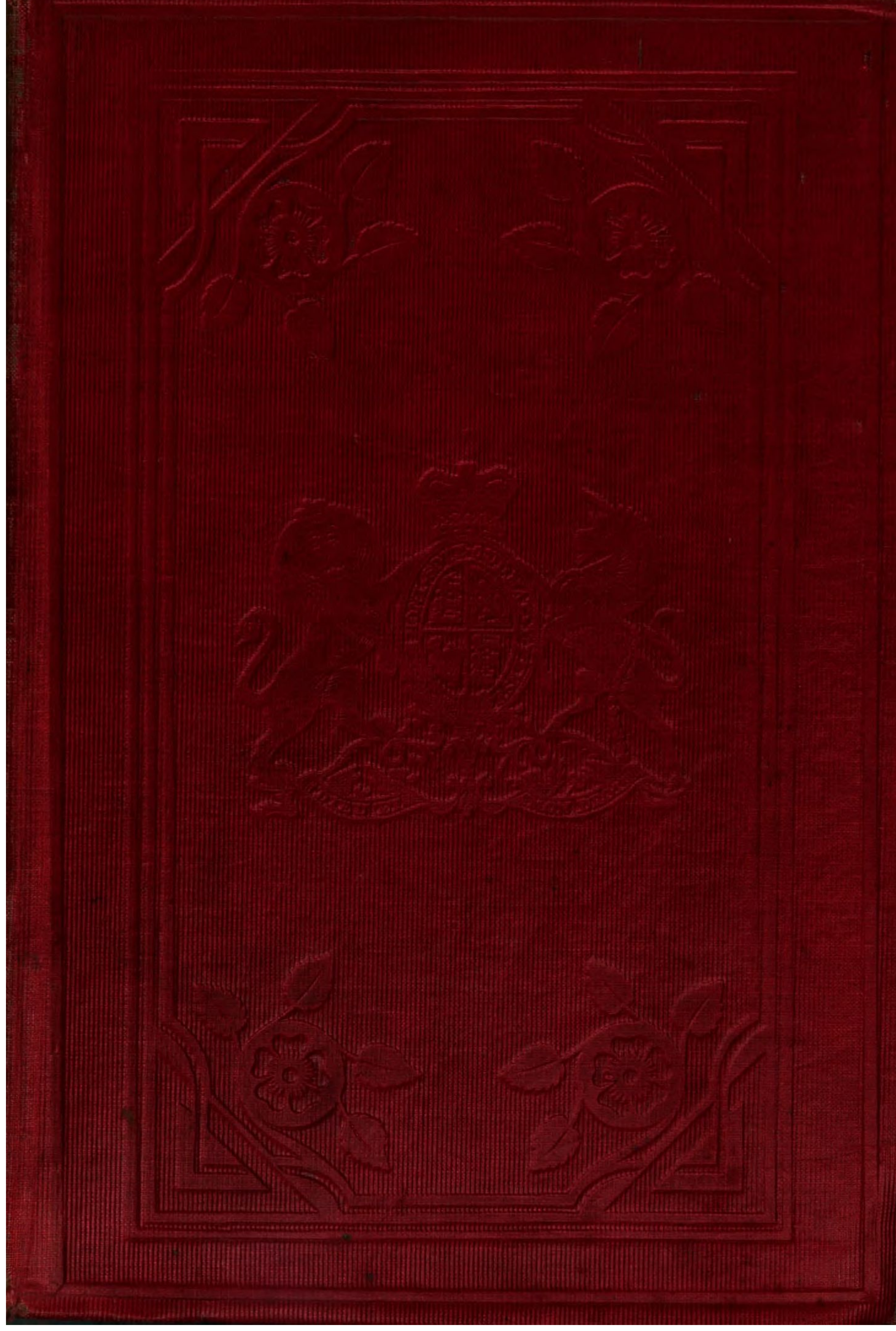
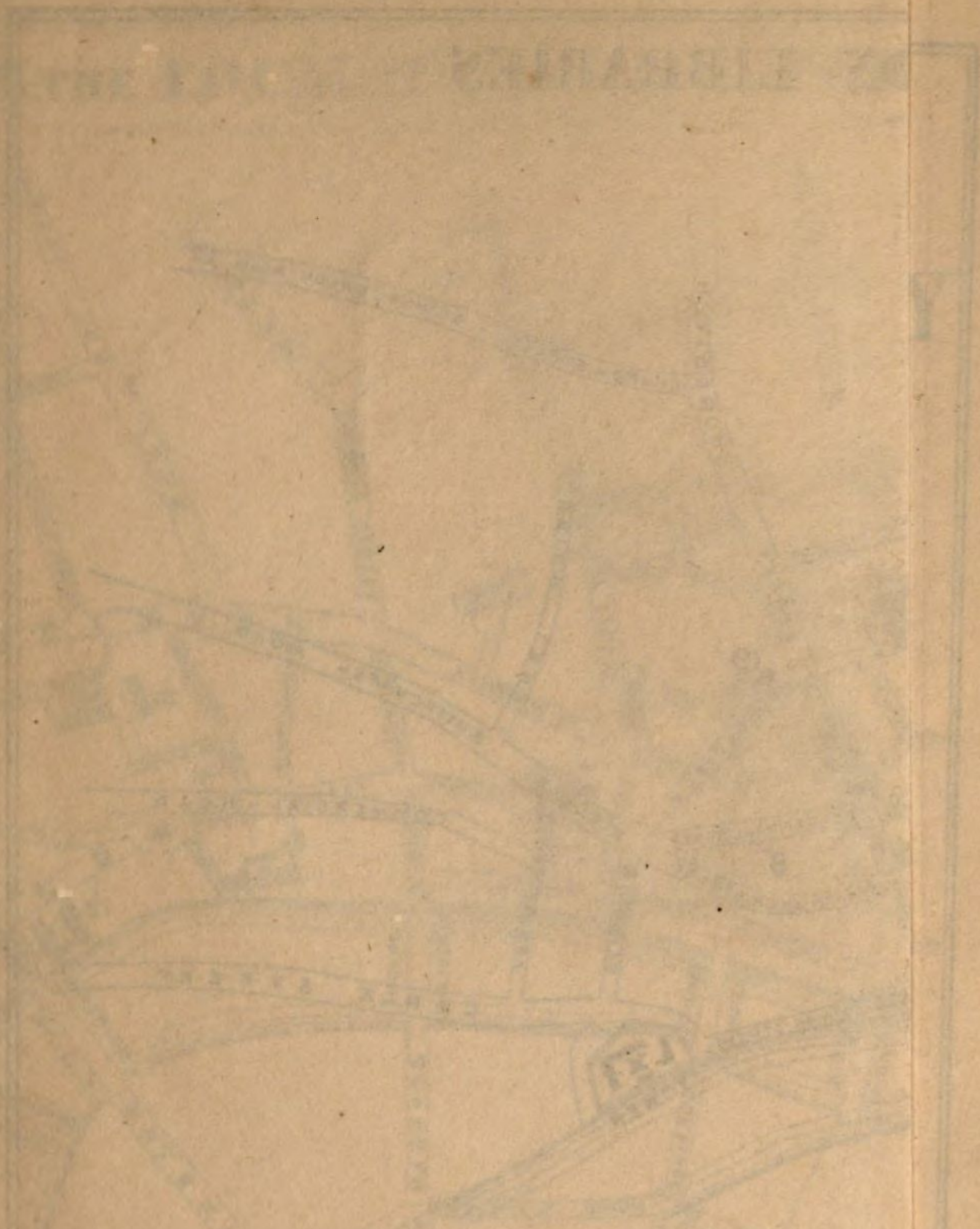




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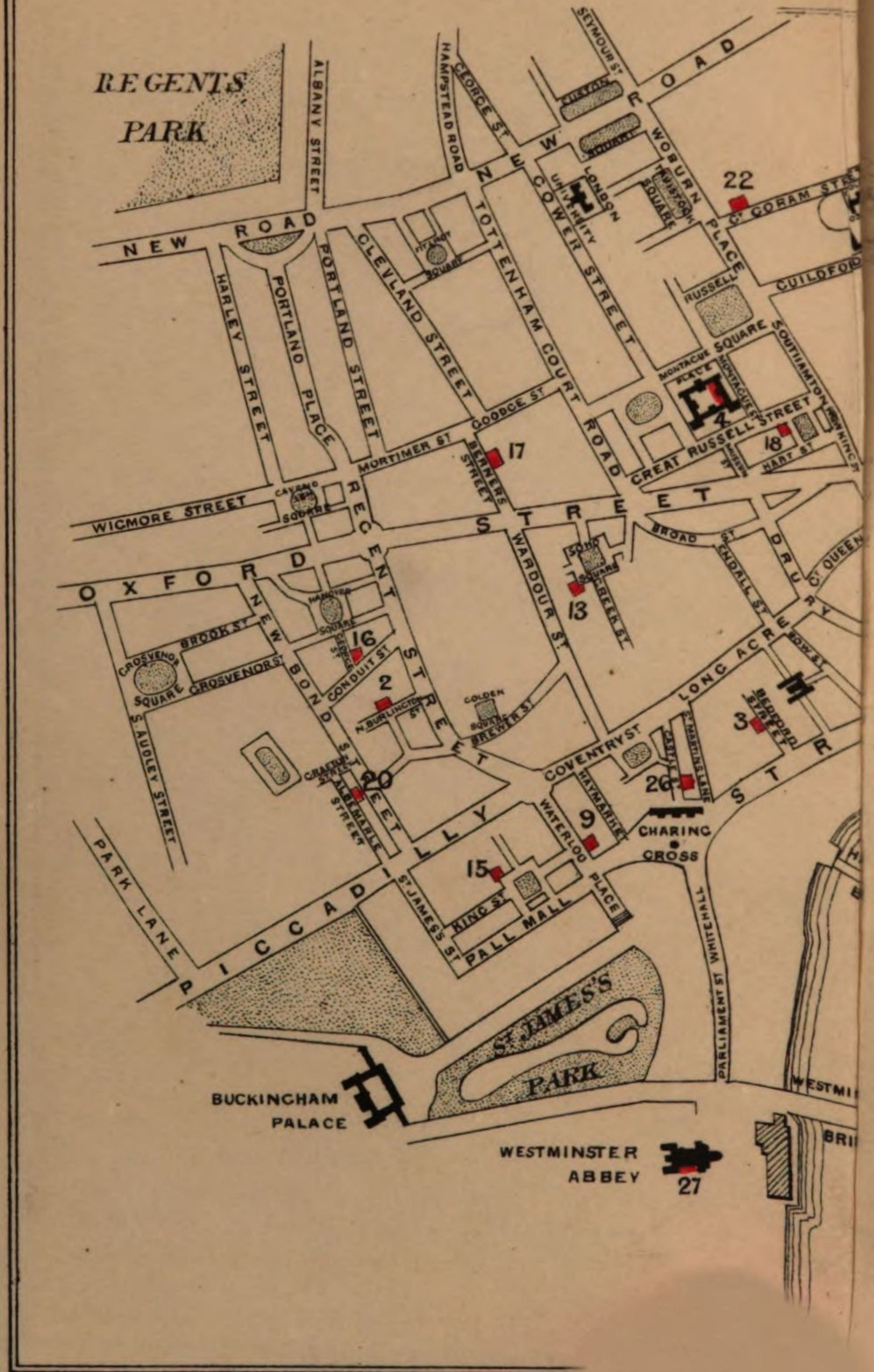
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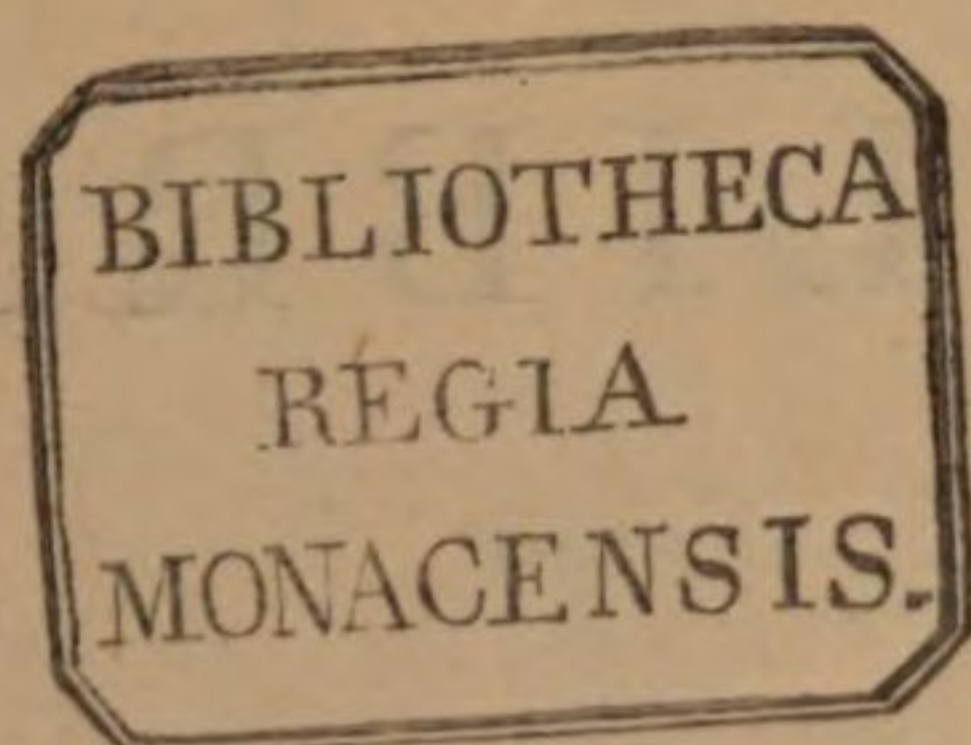
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PREFACE.

THE increasing importance of the British Museum, more especially of that portion of it which is devoted to the study of Literature, combined with the great misunderstanding which daily appeared to prevail in the public mind, with respect to the Catalogues and Collections, formed the principal reasons for attempting the present publication.

A further and powerful inducement presented itself in the fact, that the ground upon which the Writer was about to venture was unoccupied, and that, in consequence, his humble attempt to administer to the public need, would not be likely to suffer by comparison with anything that had preceded it. For although the wants of the countless visitors to the more public parts of the Institution, have been well provided for in the very excellent "Synopsis," published by order of the Trustees, and in Mr. Vaux's popular and profusely illustrated

“Hand-Book to the Antiquities;”* as well as in Mr. Jerrold’s instructive work,† and a score of minor publications; no book of a similar description to the present, has yet been produced for the guidance of the frequenters of the “Reading Rooms.”

Two of the greatest difficulties which appear to beset the *literary* student at this Institution are, first, the want of knowing the number and contents of the Catalogues placed for his use,—and secondly, to which of these he can turn, with the best chance of finding the information he seeks; and this more particularly applies to the Manuscript Collections, which are very numerous, with a separate Catalogue to each.

The Author does not presume to assert, that the “Reader” will find *all* the assistance he may require within the pages of this book, nevertheless, he ventures to hope, that some good may result from his endeavours to supply, what to him has long appeared to be, a needful publication.

Nor is there anything absolutely *new* in the information here presented to the public, the whole of the facts having been for some time before them, in the form of

* “Hand-Book to the Antiquities in the British Museum,” &c. By W. S. W. Vaux, M.A., of the Department of Antiquities. *Lond.* 1851. 12mo.—2d. ed. 1853.

† “How to See the British Museum in Four Visits.” By W. Blanchard Jerrold. *Lond.* 1852. 12mo.

“Annual” and “Commissioners’ Reports,” “Prefaces” to the Catalogues, &c., and in other works of a like nature. A little industry, combined with some knowledge of a “Reader’s” requirements, has sufficed for the collection of much useful matter, and to mould it into a more tangible form than that presented by Blue-Books and ponderous Catalogues.

With the efficiency or non-efficiency of the existing Catalogues the author does not presume to interfere; he feels however assured, that a more intimate acquaintance with the number and contents of those placed for the students’ use, will greatly tend to diminish the errors into which they continually fall respecting them.

The chief object of the work being to aid the “Readers” in the economy of their time, great attention has been bestowed upon the Classed Lists of the Manuscript Collections; and a Catalogue of such Books of Reference as are indispensable to Students,—copies of the greater part of which will be found in the “Reading Room”—is added at the end of the volume.

In furtherance of this object, and to render the “Hand-Book” more complete, an “Appendix,” containing brief notices of some of the more important Public Libraries of London, has been deemed an appropriate conclusion to the work.

The Author’s sincere thanks are due to those Gentle-

men who have so kindly assisted him with information and advice during the progress of the Work,—more especially to those, to whose custody the valuable Libraries just referred to are confided, for the very kind manner in which they have replied to his numerous queries.

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The "Reading Rooms" are open *every day*, except Sunday, at the hours stated at page 15 of this work.

N.B.—The Museum and "Reading Rooms," are entirely closed to the public at the following times, viz.:—from 1st to 7th of January, 1st to 7th of May, and from the 1st to the 7th of September, each inclusive; also on Ash-Wednesday, Good-Friday, Christmas Day, and on any Feast or Thanksgiving Days ordered by authority.

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HAND-BOOK

TO THE

LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM,

ETC., ETC.

I.—ORIGIN OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

AMONG the numerous institutions of which the English nation has just reason to be proud, the British Museum is pre-eminently entitled to the first rank. Originating with a small, but valuable, Private Collection, which in its day enjoyed considerable and deserved reputation, it has expanded by the munificence of successive Parliaments, and the liberality of private individuals, until it has become, by universal consent, one of the noblest buildings of the kind in the world.

In the early part of the last century, Sir Hans Sloane, of Chelsea, in the county of Middlesex, *baronet*, an eminent physician, naturalist, and benefactor to learning, having, in the course of many years, and with great labour and expense, gathered together whatever was curious in this and foreign countries; expressed a desire, in his will, bearing date the 20th July, 1749, that his collection, in all its branches, might be kept and preserved together

after his decease, and that an application should be made by his executors to Parliament for the purchase of the same, for the sum of £20,000. Happily for the cause of literature, and the honour of the country, the application met with instant approval, and the whole of his fine collection of books, manuscripts, prints, medals, and coins, ancient and modern antiquities, seals, cameos, drawings, and pictures, became the property of the nation, and the basis upon which the present magnificent collections have been raised. Dr. Sloane died on the 11th of January, 1753, and in the month of June of the same year an Act was passed, "For the purchase of the Museum, or Collection of Sir Hans Sloane, and of the Harleian Collection of Manuscripts; and for providing one general repository for the better reception and more convenient use of the said collections; and of the Cottonian Library, and of the additions thereto." By the same "Act," a board, consisting of forty-two trustees, was appointed for putting the same into execution.* At a general meeting of this body, held at the Cockpit, at Whitehall, on the 3d of April, 1754, it was resolved to accept of a proposal which had been made to them, of the "Capital Mansion House, called Montague House, and the freehold ground thereto belonging, for the general repository of the British Museum, on the terms of *ten thousand pounds*."

To this building the collections were removed from Chelsea, during the years 1756-7; and it was towards the close of the latter year that the public were *first* admitted to their inspection. Our limited space will not admit of our doing more than allude to the regulations by

* Lists of the present Trustees and Officers will be found at the commencement of this work.

which the public were first governed in their visits to the infant institution. From a copy of the "Statutes and Rules," published in the year 1757, we learn, that no more than *ten* tickets were delivered out for *each hour* of admittance, and that *five* of the persons producing such tickets were attended by the *under Librarian*, and the *other five* by the *assistant* in each department.

Such restrictions cannot fail to excite a smile when compared with the following "table," taken from the annual "Return," of the number of persons admitted to view the collections during the last *ten* years.

Anno.	Number of persons admitted.	Anno.	Number of persons admitted.
1843 . . .	517,440	1848 . . .	897,985
1844 . . .	575,758	1849 . . .	979,073
1845 . . .	685,614	1850 . . .	1,098,863
1846 . . .	750,601	1851 . . .	2,527,216
1847 . . .	820,965	1852 . . .	507,973

It is gratifying to be enabled to state that, during the whole period of the unrestricted admission of the public, no more than *two* accidents, and these of a *trifling nature*, have occurred.

From the rapid increase of the various collections, and the insecurity of the old building, it soon became apparent that a new and more commodious structure was necessary. Accordingly, about the year 1820, application was made to Parliament for power, and pecuniary assistance, in the undertaking, and an entirely new building was commenced. By degrees the original structure yielded to its more powerful rival, until, in the summer of 1850, the last remnant of Montague House disappeared, giving place to the present noble pile, whose utility will remain

to the latest time, and form one of the proudest monuments to British taste and science.

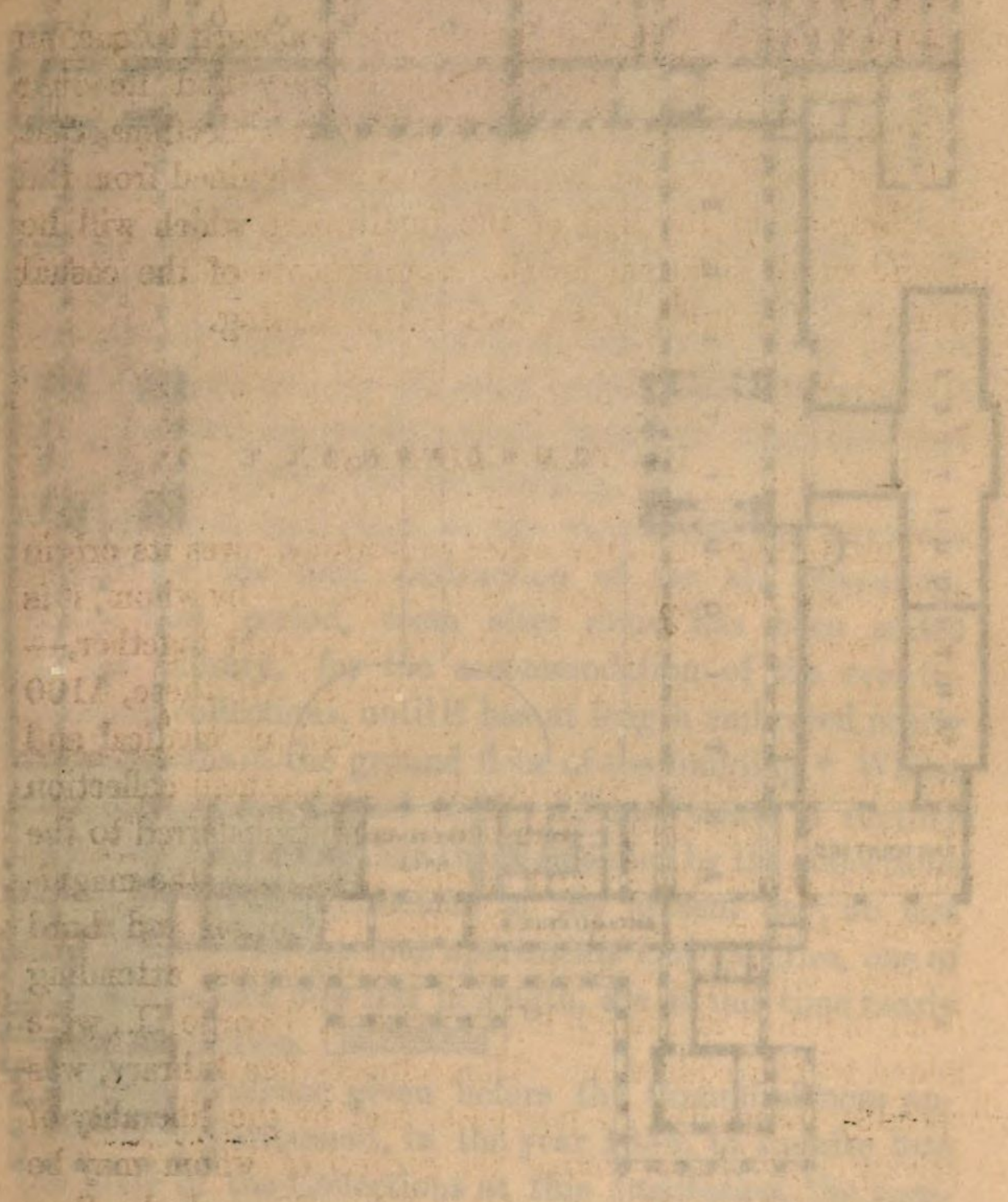
As it is our intention in the present work to confine our observations entirely to the Library and Reading Room, we need only remark of the other collections, that a "Synopsis" of their contents may be obtained from the messengers in the hall of the institution, which will be found amply sufficient for the requirements of the casual visitor. The price of the book is one shilling.

II.—THE "LIBRARY."

THE Library, like the other collections, owes its origin to the taste and public spirit of Dr. Sloane,—by whom, it is said, *upwards of 54,000 volumes* were brought together,—a number apparently much exaggerated. Of these, 4100 were *manuscripts*; consisting principally of medical and alchymical treatises, with the addition of a small collection of rolls and charters. The books were transferred to the Museum about 1756; and, at the same time, the magnificent libraries formed by Sir Robert Cotton and Lord Harley, together with the Royal Collections, extending from the time of Henry VII. to that of George II., were added to the collection. This, already fine Library, was speedily augmented by purchase, and by the liberality of private individuals, among the earliest of whom may be mentioned Mrs. Madox, Major Edwards, and the Rev. Dr. Birch. Of these, and other benefactors, we shall have further occasion to speak, in the chapters devoted to the consideration of the Department of Manuscripts and that of Printed Books.

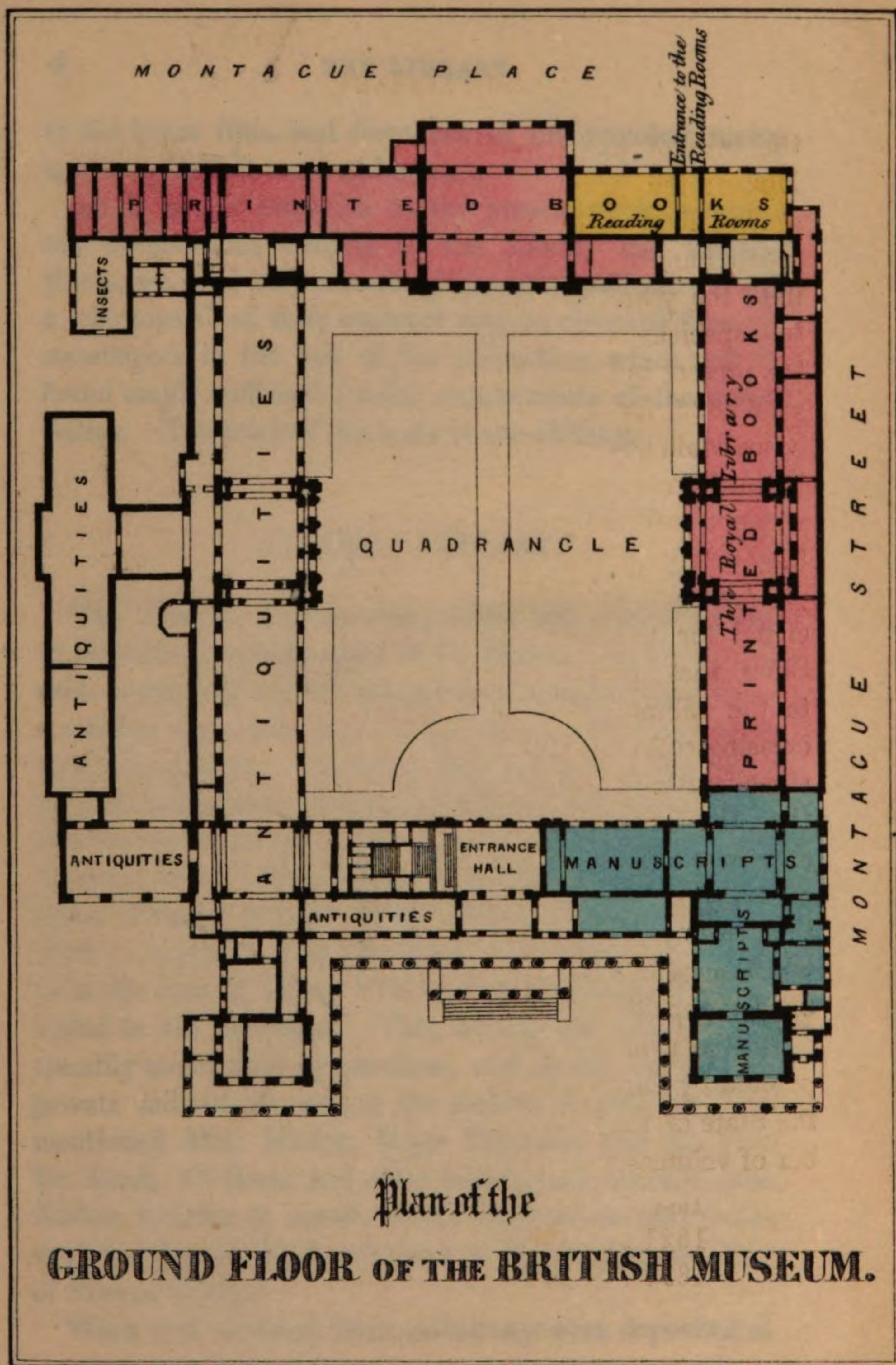
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IN THE YEAR 1190
AND WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE
IN THE YEAR 1594
AND WAS REBUILT
IN THE YEAR 1619
BY THE CITY OF LONDON
AND WAS FINISHED
IN THE YEAR 1626



Plan of the
GROUND FLOOR OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

the suite of rooms forming the south front of Montague House; the printed books occupying those upon the ground floor, whilst the manuscripts were deposited in the rooms immediately above. In this position they remained until the year 1827, when the *manuscripts* were removed to a spacious room provided for them in the east wing of the present building, which had been commenced in the year 1823, for the reception of the King's Library. No space could however be found, at that time, in any part of the new structure, for the other printed collections; and it was not until the present north front was completed that they finally quitted the old building.

This event took place in the year 1838, and gave the signal for the final destruction of the old repository. Since that period, room after room has been added to the Library, for the accommodation of the ever-increasing collections, until it has at length embraced nearly three-fourths of the ground floor of the building.* Whilst thus the space allotted to the Library scarce a century since was little more than that demanded by the collections of many private gentlemen at the present day, no less than twenty-five spacious apartments and galleries, one of which measures 300 feet in length, are at this time nearly filled to repletion.

In the evidence given before the Commissioners appointed by Parliament, in the year 1836, to Inquire into the State of the Collections at this Institution, the number of volumes was stated to be as follows:—

Anno.	Printed books.	Manuscripts.	Charters.
1821 . . .	115,925 . .	17,937 . .	16,423
1832 . . .	218,957 . .	21,604 . .	19,093

* See Plan.

And before a similar "Inquiry," held in the years 1847-1850, as follows:—

Anno.	Printed books.	Manuscripts.
1837	No report	23,900
1850	ditto	32,000

The following extract is taken from page 33 of a useful little book,* published by order of the Trustees, for the use of the public during the period of their admission to view the Library in the eventful year 1851:—

"It remains only to be stated, that on the 25th of July, 1838, the volumes of printed books in the British Museum, being counted one by one, as they stood on the shelves, were found to be in round numbers, 235,000. Counted in the same manner on the 15th of December, 1849, they were found to amount to 435,000. The Collection now [May, 1851] consists of 460,000 volumes."

When the annual rate of increase is taken into consideration, it will be thought no exaggeration to say, that, at the moment in which we write, the *printed books* alone amount to upwards of 500,000 volumes. Add to these the *manuscript* collections, which (exclusive of Charters and Rolls) amount to 34,434, a grand total will be formed of 534,434 volumes. The whole of this vast Library, containing a copy of nearly everything that is precious and useful in literature, is open to the use of the public, *without charge*, upon their compliance with certain simple regulations, the nature of which will be shown in the succeeding chapter.

* 'A Short Guide to that portion of the Library of Printed Books now open to the Public, May, 1851.'

III.—THE READING TICKET.

IN the Act of Parliament previously referred to, it is particularly set forth, that “The collections and libraries are to be repositied, and remain in the Museum, *for the public use.*” And again, “That free access shall be given to this repository *to all studious and curious persons*, at such times, and in such manner, and under such regulations for inspecting and consulting the collections, as the trustees shall think fit.” It has already been seen in what manner and number the *curious* portion of the public was admitted in obedience to the above law, and it will doubtless be interesting to know what facilities were afforded, at that early period, to the *studious* and the *man of letters*. For this purpose we have availed ourselves of a copy of the ‘Statutes and Rules relating to the inspection and use of the British Museum,’ published by order of the Trustees in 1757. It is there ordered, “That no one be admitted to make use of the Museum for study, but by leave of the trustees, in a general meeting, or the standing committee; and that the said leave be not granted for a longer term than half a year, without a fresh application.” It is further ordered, “That a particular room be allotted for the persons so admitted, in which they may sit, and read or write, without interruption, during the time the Museum is kept open: that a proper officer do constantly attend in the said room, so long as any such person or persons shall be there; and for the greater ease and convenience of the said persons, as well as security of the collection, it is expected, *that notice be given in writing the day before, by each person, to the said officer, what book or manuscript he will be desirous of perusing the following day*; which book or manuscript,

on such request, will be lodged in some convenient place in the said room, and will thence be delivered to him by the officer of the said room," &c. &c.

Since that period some alterations have been made in the mode of admission, which, at the same time that they have increased the facility of access, have in no wise lessened the precautions so necessary to be observed for the safety of the collections.

ADMISSION IS AT PRESENT TO BE OBTAINED BY ADDRESSING A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO SIR HENRY ELLIS, K.H., THE PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN, STATING THE NAME, RANK IN LIFE, AND RESIDENCE OF THE APPLICANT. THE REQUEST MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RECOMMENDATION FROM SOME GENTLEMAN, WHOSE POSITION IN SOCIETY, REPUTATION, OR PUBLIC APPOINTMENT, MAY SERVE AS A GUARANTEE FOR THE RESPECTABILITY OF THE APPLICANT.

All applications *thus made*, receive immediate attention, and should the *recommendation* be deemed satisfactory, the applicant will speedily receive the desired "admission," under the following form.

THIS TICKET ADMITS

TO THE READING ROOM OF THE
BRITISH MUSEUM,

FOR THE TERM OF
SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE HEREOF.

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Renewable at the expiration of the above Term, by PERSONAL APPLICATION only, in the Museum Reading Room.

It must be observed,

1. THAT PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ARE NOT ADMISSIBLE.

2. THAT PERMISSION WILL IN GENERAL BE GRANTED FOR SIX MONTHS; AND AT THE EXPIRATION OF THIS TERM FRESH APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE FOR A RENEWAL.

3. THAT NO PERSON CAN BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A TICKET.

4. THAT THE TICKET IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

The following "table" shows the number of "visits" made to the Reading Room, for the purposes of study or research, during the last *ten* years.

Anno.	Number of persons admitted.	Anno.	Number of persons admitted.
1843 . . .	70,931	1848 . . .	65,867
1844 . . .	67,511	1849 . . .	70,371
1845 . . .	64,427	1850 . . .	78,533
1846 . . .	66,784	1851 . . .	78,211
1847 . . .	67,525	1852 . . .	72,226

IV.—THE READING ROOMS.

WE are unable to state with certainty the exact period at which the "*room*" alluded to in the last chapter was first opened to the public for the purposes of study; there appears very little doubt, however, that it took place towards the close of the year 1757. The first room appropriated to this use was situated in the basement, at the west corner of the building, and here the readers apparently continued to assemble until the year 1810, when they were transferred to a larger and much more commodious apartment, upon the second story, at that

time forming part of the manuscript department. This state of things continued until the year 1827, when another transfer took place, to two rooms situated at the southern extremity of the east wing of the new building, which were *temporarily* devoted to the service of the then rapidly increasing body of readers. In 1838, the erection of the north front of the present structure was brought to a completion, when the *third* and *last* change in the situation of the "Reading Rooms" was effected.

The rooms at present set apart for the accommodation of those persons to whom "tickets" of admission have been accorded, are situated at the north-east corner of the building, adjoining to Russell Square.* Passing through an iron gate near the lower end of Montague Place, the bearer of the "ticket" is directed by a porter, seated in a kind of sentry box to a narrow door in the lower part of the building. Upon entering he finds himself in a small room, where he is civilly requested to deposit his walking-stick or umbrella, as the case may be, and is then shown the ascent to the "Reading Rooms." A short flight of narrow stone steps, ending with a glass door, at once conducts him to the object of his search. The rooms, two in number, are of considerable dimensions, measuring respectively 55 *feet*, and 62 *feet* in length, by 36 *feet* in breadth. They are lighted from above, and are warmed during the winter season by means of pipes. The larger of the two, that upon the right hand on entering, is usually assigned to those persons who use *printed books* only; the other room is, as far as possible, devoted to the reception of *manuscript* students. The tables, 26 in number, are arranged in such

* See Plan.

a manner as to leave a free passage down the centre and round the sides of the room; chairs are placed for the accommodation of *eight* readers at each table, and book-stands, pens, ink, and blotting-paper are *gratuitously* furnished for their use.

The walls of the rooms are lined with presses, containing a large and valuable collection of *books of reference*,* such as are indispensably necessary to students of all denominations. The whole of these volumes are *open* to the reader's use, without the intervention of an attendant, or the formality of a *written* demand, which is requisite with the general collections.

Upon his *first* visit, the newly admitted "reader" is introduced to the *superintendent* of the rooms, who examines his "ticket"—which he must not fail to bring with him upon that occasion—and produces a ledger, in which he is requested to enter his name and place of residence. This regulation being complied with, he is at liberty to proceed at once to his studies.

The *Catalogues*—of which we shall speak more at large hereafter—are placed upon shelves at a moderate height from the floor; those of the *manuscript collections* being kept distinct from those of the *printed books*. In front of these volumes a sloping desk has been placed, for greater convenience in consulting them. The "reader" having, upon reference to the catalogue, found a notice of the work he requires, be it either *manuscript* or *printed book*, proceeds to fill up a *printed "form,"* in the manner shown in the next page.

* A list of the most useful works in this collection will be found at the end of the present volume.

"Form," upon GREEN paper, used when writing for MANUSCRIPTS.

Press Mark.	Collection and Number of MS. wanted.
66. b.	Harleian MS., 53.
(Date) 14th Sept. 1853. Richard Sims, (Signature.)	
Please to restore each Volume of the Catalogue to its place, as soon as done with.	

Reverse side of "Form."

READERS ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

1. Not to ask for more than *one* MS. on the same ticket.
2. To transcribe from the Catalogues the number and press mark of the MS. wanted.
3. To write in a plain clear hand, in order to avoid delay and mistakes.
4. Before leaving the Room, to return the MS. to an attendant, and to obtain the corresponding Ticket, the READER BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MS. SO LONG AS THE TICKET REMAINS UNCANCELLED.

N.B. Readers are, under no circumstances, to take any Book or MS. out of the Reading Rooms.

"Form," upon WHITE paper, used in writing for PRINTED BOOKS.

Press Mark.	Title of the Work wanted.	Size.	Place.	Date.
627. b.	Addison (J.) Spectator,	12°.	Lond.	1744.

(Date) 14th Sept. 1853. Richard Sims, (Signature.)

Please to restore each Volume of the Catalogue to its place,
as soon as done with.

Reverse side of "Form."

READERS ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

1. Not to ask for more than *one Work* on the same ticket.
2. To transcribe *literally* from the Catalogues the title of the Work wanted.
3. To write in a plain clear hand, in order to avoid delay and mistakes.
4. Before leaving the Room, to return the Books to an attendant, and to obtain the corresponding Ticket, the READER BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOOKS SO LONG AS THE TICKET REMAINS UNCANCELLED.

N.B. Readers are, under no circumstances, to take any Book or MS. out of the Reading Rooms.

The "form" printed upon *green* paper is that used when writing for *manuscripts*; that upon *white*, for *printed books*. Packets of these "forms" will be found suspended over the place where the catalogues are kept.

THE GREATEST CARE SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN COPYING THE TITLE OF THE BOOK REQUIRED, AND MORE ESPECIALLY THE PRESS-MARK, OR NUMBER WHICH INDICATES ITS POSITION IN THE LIBRARY.

The readiness with which a work can be obtained, mainly depends upon the strict observance of this rule.

The *press-mark* is, in general, placed in the *left-hand margin* of the catalogue, on a line with the title.

Where two or more press-marks are affixed to a work, the "reader" will understand that there is *more than one copy* of that work in the Library.

When possible, the *entire title* of a work should be copied upon the "form," or at all events as much of it as will serve for its speedy recognition.

IN ALL CASES THE WRITING SHOULD BE AS LEGIBLE AS POSSIBLE.

NO MORE THAN ONE WORK MUST BE ASKED FOR ON THE SAME TICKET.

MANUSCRIPTS must be written for by *their numbers*, as they appear in the catalogues, and *never by their descriptions*.

The *press-marks* should also be given whenever they are found marked in the catalogue.

The "form" being filled up, and duly *signed* and *dated*, according to the example previously given, must, if the book asked for is a *printed one*, be taken to the attendant seated at the *barrier*, placed at the extreme end of the larger room, who will see that the work is brought to the

“reader,” with as little delay as possible. If, however, a *manuscript* is required, the “*form*” must be delivered to the attendant occupying a seat at the end of one of the tables in the room where the catalogues are placed.

BEFORE LEAVING THE ROOM, THE VOLUMES CONSULTED MUST BE RETURNED TO AN ATTENDANT, AND THE “FORM” OBTAINED, THE “READER” BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM SO LONG AS THE “FORM” REMAINS UNCANCELLED.

READERS ARE NOT SUFFERED, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, TO TAKE ANY BOOK OR MS. OUT OF THE READING ROOM.

In addition to the “Rules” already referred to, the following should enlist the student’s best attention:—

1. The Reading Room of the Museum is open every day, except on Sundays, on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas Day, and on any Fast or Thanksgiving Days ordered by Authority; except also between the 1st and 7th of January, the 1st and 7th of May, and the 1st and 7th of September, inclusive.

2. The hours are from nine till four in the months of November, December, January, and February; from nine till five in the months of September, October, March, and April; and from nine till six in the months of May, June, July, and August, with the exception that on Saturdays in these last months it closes at five.

3. Extracts are allowed to be freely made from any printed book or manuscript; but in case of transcripts of the *whole* manuscript, the consent of the trustees should be previously obtained, by letter to the Principal Librarian, or the Keeper of the Printed Books, or Manuscripts, as the case may be.

4. No person is, on any pretence whatever, to write on

any part of a printed book or manuscript belonging to the Museum.

5. Any person observing a *defect* in any printed book or manuscript, is requested to signify the same to the officer in waiting.

6. The transcribers are not to lay the paper, on which they write, on any part of the book, or manuscript, they are using.

7. Tracings are not allowed to be made from printed books, engravings, &c., unless permission has been previously obtained from the Trustees, the Principal Librarian, or the Keeper of the Printed Books.

8. No tracings whatever are allowed from Miniatures or Illuminations of Fine Art, or in body colours; but in the case of Outlines, or slightly-tinted Drawings, Maps, Autographs, Shields of Arms, or the Text of MSS. and Charters, permission will be given on application to the Trustees, the Principal Librarian, or the Keeper of the MSS.

9. Readers are particularly requested not to write for more than *one* Manuscript, Charter, or Roll, on the same ticket, unless the *numbers required form a series*.

10. Manuscripts of more than ordinary value, rare Autographs, Charters with Fine Seals, and other Documents which require special care, are consulted in the rooms of the Department of MSS.

11. Artists and others desirous of permission to draw from the Illuminated MSS. must produce a special letter of recommendation for that purpose, addressed either to the Trustees, the Principal Librarian, or the Keeper of the Manuscripts.

12. The Librarians are strictly enjoined to use all possible despatch in supplying the readers with the Printed Books or Manuscripts they may apply for; but in so extensive a library it may not be always possible to find every article immediately.

13. Readers are not permitted to pass from the Reading Room to any part of the Library, unless accompanied by an attendant.

14. It may be sufficient merely to suggest, that *silence* is absolutely requisite in a place dedicated to the purposes of study.

“The Reading Room of the British Museum,” writes the late Sir Harris Nicolas, “is, in truth, an establishment of which every Englishman has reason to be proud. It does honour to the country; and, in the liberality of its regulations, as well as in the facility and continuity of access to its contents, it challenges a comparison with the public libraries of any other nation, and serves as a model by which all public institutions in Great Britain, containing materials for the illustration of British History, ought to be regulated; but to most of which, however, it forms, alas! a striking and melancholy contrast.”

Having thus initiated our “Reader” into the mysteries of what has been facetiously termed our “national workshop,” we will endeavour in the next and the succeeding chapters, to smooth a few of those difficulties which appear to beset and perplex the student; by enumerating the various collections of which the Library is composed, and assisting him to a knowledge of their catalogues and contents.

The following is a list of the Catalogues of the Library, published by order of the Trustees. Such as have the prices marked with an *asterisk* can be purchased at the Museum, and of Messrs. Longman & Co., W. Pickering, and D. Colnaghi; the remainder can be obtained from second-hand booksellers, for about the sums marked against them.

Catalogues of Manuscripts.

- Catalogue of the Sloane MSS. &c. by Rev. S. Ayscough,
1782. 2 vols. 4to. 14s.
- Cottonian MSS. by J. Planta, 1802. Fol. 9s.
- Harleian MSS. by H. Wanley, and Rev. R. Nares,
1808. 4 vols. Fol. £2. 2s.
- King's MSS. [Old Royal] by D. Casley, 1734.
4to. 14s.
- Hargrave MSS. by H. Ellis, 1818. 4to. *12s.
- Lansdowne MSS. by F. Douce and H. Ellis,
1819. Fol. £1. 1s.
- Arundel MSS. 1834. Fol. *£1. 8s.; or with
Coloured Plates. *£4. 14s. 6d.
- Burney MSS. 1840. Fol. *18s.; or with Co-
loured Plates. *£3. 3s.
- Index to the Arundel and the Burney MSS. 1840. Fol. *15s.
- List of Additional MSS. 1836-1840. 8vo. *10s.
- ————— 1841-1845. 8vo. *£1.
- Index to Additional MSS. acquired between 1783-1835;
1849. Fol.
- Catalogue of MS. Music in the British Museum, 1842.
8vo. *5s.
- MS. Maps, Charts, and Plans, 1844.
2 vols. 8vo. *£1.
- Catalogus Codicum Manuscriptorum Orientalium. Pars I.
Codices Syriacos et Carshunicos amplectens,
1838. Fol. *12s.
- Pars II. Codicum Arabicorum partem amplectens,
1846. Fol. *14s.
- Partis II. Continuatio, 1852. Fol. *14s.
- Pars III. Codices Æthiopicos amplectens, 1847.
Fol. *10s.
- Greek Papyri in the British Museum. (Forshall.) Part I.
1839. 4to. *10s.
- ————— ————— Large Paper. *15s.

Fac-simile of the Codex Alexandrinus. 3 vols. *Fol.* *£18.

Fragments of the Iliad of Homer, from a Syriac Palimpsest,
edited by William Cureton, M.A., 1851. 4to,
Large Paper. *£3. 3s.

————— *Small Paper.* *£2. 2s.

Catalogues of Printed Books.

Catalogue of Printed Books, 1813-1819. 7 vols. 8vo.

————— Vol. 1, 1841. *Fol.* *18s. sheets; *20s. boards.

————— Geographical Collection in the Library of King
George III. 1829. 2 vols. 8vo. *£1. 4s.

Bibliotheca Grenvilliana. Part II. 1848. 8vo. *£1. 11s. 6d.

V.—THE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS.

THE Library of the British Museum is divided into two great “Parts,” or “Departments,”—namely, those of *Manuscripts* and of *Printed Books*. Of these, the former, although the smaller of the two, claims our *first* attention, no less from the venerable antiquity and inestimable value of its general contents, than from its extreme importance as the depository of the most important materials for historical literature in Europe.

The manuscript collections have been pronounced by competent judges to be the most numerous, and, probably, the finest in the world. Considerable difficulty arises in the attempt to form a correct estimate of their extent. If we consider each single letter and paper to be a manuscript, as it undoubtedly is, the gross amount will be enormous. But, in many cases, some hundreds of such letters are bound together into one volume; it is evident, therefore, that where the *volumes only* are counted, the actual amount of the *manuscripts* will be very far from being ascertained. As the

latter method, however, appears to be that usually employed in large libraries, we have adopted it on the present occasion. So far then as we have been enabled to collect from the catalogues, the number of *volumes* at this time amounts to about 34,434.

The Manuscript Library is composed of *eleven* distinct collections; several of which once formed the private libraries of men eminent in rank and station, to whose refined taste and unbounded liberality we are indebted for the possession of some of the noblest and most precious volumes in existence.

The smaller collections, from time to time acquired, are merged into the "Additional," under which head the more important of them will be found enumerated.

The following is a list of the principal collections, in the order of time in which they were acquired, together with the number of volumes in each.

Collection.	Date when acquired.	Number of Volumes.
Sloane	1753	4,100
Cottonian	—	900
Harleian	—	7,639
Royal	—	1,950
Lansdowne	1807	1,245
Hargrave	1813	499
Burney	1817	524
King's	1823	438
*Egerton	1829	1,613
Arundel	1831	550
*Additional		14,976
Total		34,434

* Continual additions are being made to these collections.

These collections are deposited in four rooms, situated at the southern extremity of the east wing, adjoining Great Russell Street, forming what is termed the "Manuscript Department."* There is a *separate printed* catalogue of each collection, with the exception of the King's, which is in *manuscript*. *Two*, and in some cases *three* copies of each catalogue will be found upon the shelves of the "Reading Rooms."

"Readers" are not admitted to study in the Manuscript Department, excepting in cases where manuscripts, called "*select*," are asked for. This term is applied to all manuscripts whose *extreme value* or *great size* renders it desirable that they should be consulted in the rooms where they are deposited. Such are, *manuscripts of great antiquity—illuminated manuscripts—volumes of drawings—and scarce autographs*. All other kinds are permitted to be taken to the usual "Reading Room," where they can be used, subject to the regulations mentioned in the last chapter.

Special permission must be obtained by artists and others who are desirous of drawing from the *illuminated* books. The mode of application is the same as that used in procuring the "Reading" ticket, as explained at p. 8.

The applicant should expressly state his desire to be admitted to draw from the illuminated manuscripts.

The average number of manuscripts daily delivered in the "Reading Rooms" amounts to about eighty, the greater part of which are historical and genealogical. The following "Table," taken from the "Annual Return," exhibits the number delivered to "readers" during the last *ten years* :—

* See Plan.

Anno.	Number of manuscripts delivered.	Anno.	Number of manuscripts delivered.
1843 . . .	22,207	1848 . . .	20,434
1844 . . .	20,987	1849 . . .	26,762
1845 . . .	<i>No report</i>	1850 . . .	25,220
1846 . . .	18,406	1851 . . .	22,679
1847 . . .	18,511	1852 . . .	23,400

The multiplicity of collections renders it difficult for the *uninitiated* student to know when he has arrived at the completion of his search; and, it is to be feared, that very many persons retire from the Reading Rooms with the idea that a particular book or manuscript is not in the Library, from the want of knowing what catalogues there are, and in what particular collections to direct their researches. To such as these we hope, in the following pages, to render *great assistance*, and *some* even to those who, by constant attendance and unwearied application, have long since familiarised themselves with the catalogues.

1.—*Sloane Collection.*

We have already shown by whom this collection was formed, and in what manner it became the property of the nation.* It consists of 4100 volumes, for the most part of paper, and chiefly written in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The greater portion of the manuscripts treat of Medicine, Alchymy, Astrology, &c.: there are, moreover, many important historical papers; journals of voyages and travels; and original correspondence,

* See page 1.

including that carried on between Dr. Sloane and nearly all the eminent men of his day, in 34 folio volumes.

The Catalogue of this library now in use, was made by the Rev. Samuel Ayscough, previous to his becoming Assistant-Librarian at the British Museum, to which office he was appointed about the year 1785. It is in *two volumes quarto*, and bears for its title,

“A CATALOGUE OF THE MANUSCRIPTS PRESERVED IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, HITHERTO UNDESCRIBED, &c. &c. BY SAMUEL AYSCOUGH, CLERK.” *Lond.* 1782.

This work contains descriptions, not only of the *Sloane* manuscripts, but also of those acquired by the Trustees, by gift and purchase, from the foundation of the Museum down to the period of its publication. The latter, which are termed “Additional,” commence with No. 4101, and extend to No. 5017.

This Catalogue differs in its arrangement from those of the other collections, the descriptions being printed in a *classified* form, which cannot fail to render it of great use to students. An Index of the *Classes* will be found at page 10 of the Preface to the work.

The selling price of the Catalogue is about 14s. (See page 18).

2.—*Cottonian Collection.*

The three principal Collections of Manuscripts deposited in the British Museum are those of Sir Robert Cotton; Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford; and William, first Marquess of Lansdowne.

The COTTONIAN MANUSCRIPTS form one of the chief sources from which historians and writers on constitutional subjects, topographers, antiquaries, biographers; and, in

short, all persons interested in the literature or history of past ages, have derived their materials. They were collected by Sir Robert Cotton, a descendant from a very ancient family, which, in the reign of Edward III., flourished in the county of Chester. He was born at Denton, near Conington, in Huntingdonshire, on the 22d of January, 1570. Having early imbibed a taste for the history and antiquities of his country, he neglected no opportunity to acquire a number of chronicles, chartularies, and other original muniments, which, at the late dissolution of the monasteries, had found their way into the hands of private persons. In these endeavours he was surpassed by none; nor was he, in fact, equalled by any of his emulous contemporaries, most of whom ultimately co-operated to increase the stock he was accumulating for the benefit of his country. The collection consists chiefly of Ancient Chronicles, Biblical MSS., State Papers of the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth centuries; Chartularies; early copies of the Scriptures, and of other works; transcripts of, and extracts from, Records; collections relative to various Courts, Offices, &c. The Manuscripts written in the Anglo-Saxon language are very numerous and valuable.

The books are called by the names of the twelve Cæsars, from having, when in Sir Robert Cotton's possession, been deposited in presses, over which were placed the busts of those emperors, together with those of Cleopatra and Faustina.

This great national benefactor died in May, 1631, his death being hastened by the loss of his library, which had been twice taken possession of by government. The reason given for this proceeding was, that the information it contained was too dangerous to be disseminated, and

that he had allowed it to be used by the enemies of his country. On the last occasion of its seizure, the venerable founder declared, that, "by locking his books up from him they had broken his heart;" and he caused it to be signified to the Privy Council, that their "detaining his books from him, without rendering any reason for the same, had been the cause of his mortal malady."

At his death, the library was delivered up to his only son, Sir Thomas Cotton, from whom it descended to his son, Sir John Cotton.

In 1700, a statute was passed for the better settling and preserving the Library kept in the house at Westminster, called Cotton House, in the name and family of the Cottons, for the benefit of the public. This act declared "that Sir John Cotton, in pursuance of the desire and intentions of his father and grandfather, is content and willing that his Mansion House and Library should continue in his family and name, and that it be kept and preserved by the name of the Cottonian Library, for public use and advantage."

In 1707 an agreement was made, by virtue of an Act of Parliament, with Sir John Cotton, for the purchase of the inheritance of the house where the library was deposited for the sum of £4500; and it was provided that, "to the intent so great a treasure of books and manuscripts, so generously given for the public service, might not remain any longer useless; and that it might be in her Majesty's power to make this most valuable collection useful to her own subjects, and to all learned strangers;" the said house be henceforth vested in the queen, her heirs and successors, for ever.

The Library was removed to Essex House, in Essex Street, in the Strand, in the year 1712, where it remained

until 1730. It was then conveyed to Westminster, and deposited in Ashburnham House, situated in Little Dean's Yard, which was purchased by the Crown for that purpose. On the 22d of October, 1731, a fire broke out in the rooms appropriated to the collections, which destroyed some, injured many MSS., and nearly proved fatal to the whole. The remainder were removed into a new building, designed for the dormitory of Westminster School, where they remained until the establishment of the British Museum in 1753, when the Cotton Library was directed to be deposited therein for the use of the public.

Immediately after the fire, a Committee of the House of Commons was appointed, to inquire into and report upon the state of the Library. From the published "Report" of this Committee, it appears that "the number of manuscript volumes which the Cottonian Library consisted of, before the late fire, was 958: of which are lost, burnt, or entirely spoiled, 114; and damaged, so as to be defective, 98. So that the said Library at present consists of 746 entire volumes, and 68 defective ones; of which a third part has been preserved: one hundred and upwards of them being volumes of Letters and State Papers, that have been quite taken to pieces, washed, and bound again." *

Several steps for the preservation of the burnt fragments and relics were taken by direction of that committee, but they remained pretty much in the same condition as they were left after the fire until the year 1824. During the time that the Rev. Mr. Forshall was Keeper of the Manuscripts, much was done towards the

* 'A Report from the Committee appointed to View the Cottonian Library,' &c. &c. Lond. 1732. Folio. Published by Order of the House of Commons.

opening and flattening some of the more valuable volumes.

It was not, however, until the year 1845, that any decided steps were taken for the restoration, as far as possible, of the entire collection. In that year a gentleman possessing great skill and experience in these matters, whose services had been occasionally called into requisition by the Trustees since the year 1841, was finally employed for that purpose.

Since 1842, one hundred volumes written upon vellum, and ninety-seven upon paper, have been restored, under the directions of Sir Frederic Madden, the present Keeper. Among the former, the greater part of which are of historical importance, may be mentioned the (once) invaluable MS. of the Greek Genesis, written in the fourth century, with miniatures; a portion of the History of Ingulphus; and the Chronicle of Roger de Wendover, all supposed to have been utterly destroyed.

A Catalogue of this collection was published in the year 1696, by Dr. Thomas Smith, Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, entitled,

“CATALOGUS LIBRORUM MSS. BIBLIOTHECÆ COTTONIANÆ, ETC. ETC. SCRIPTORE THOMA SMITHE, ECCLES. ANGLICANÆ PRESBYTERO.” *Oxon.* 1696, folio.

Dr. Smith's Catalogue is valuable, as affording a clue to the identification of the burnt MSS., although it does not contain more than 6200 articles, not one-fourth part of the contents of the 861 volumes. The chief omissions are in the State Papers, and Collections of small detached Tracts, of which there are no less than 170 volumes. A very full and detailed 'Report'* upon the condition of the MSS. damaged by the fire, and as to which were

* See a copy of this 'Report' among the 'Reports of the House of Commons,' vol. i. p. 445.

destroyed by fire, was printed by order of the House of Commons in the year 1732.

The catalogue at present in use was prepared by the late Joseph Planta, Esq., Principal Librarian of the British Museum. It is in *one volume, folio*, and bears for title,—

“A CATALOGUE OF THE MANUSCRIPTS IN THE COTTONIAN LIBRARY DEPOSITED IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, 1802.”

The present price of this Catalogue is about 9s. (See page 18.)

The following is a “Table” of the fourteen divisions alluded to at page 24, showing the *pages* in the Catalogue at which they commence:—

		Page			Page
Julius . . .	A	1	Claudius . .	D	195
	B	3		E	197
	C	8	Nero	A	201
	D	14		B	205
	E	16		C	231
	F	18		D	236
Augustus .		25		E	239
Tiberius . .	A	31	Galba . . .	A } B }	242
	B	34		C	278
	C	37		D	315
	D	39		E	352
	E	40	Otho	A } B } C }	365
Caligula . .	A	42		D } E }	369
	B	46			
	C	89	Vitellius . .	A	378
	D	140		B	382
	E	162		C	422
Claudius . .	A	188			
	B	191			
	C	193			

	Page		Page
Vitellius . . D	428	Domitian .	572
E	429	Cleopatra . A	576
F	431	B	577
Vespasian . A	433	C	579
B	439	D	583
C	443	E	584
D	474	F	598
E	478	Faustina . . A	602
F	482	B	605
Titus . . . A	511	C	608
B	516	D } 611	
C	557	E }	
D	563	F	613
E	567	Appendix .	614
F	568		

3.—*Harleian Collection.*

Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, the founder of the matchless Collection bearing his name, was the eldest son of Sir Edward Harley, and was born in Bow Street, Covent Garden, on the 5th December, 1661. A man of taste and letters, he was a great encourager of learning and learned men, and the greatest collector of all curious books in print and manuscript in his time. At his death, which took place on the 21st of May, 1724, his son and successor, Edward, the second Earl, followed the noble example set by his father, and devoted great part of his fortune to the completion of what had been so auspiciously commenced. At his demise, in June, 1741, the Library became the property of his daughter and heiress, Margaret Cavendish, Duchess of Portland, and on the institution of the British Museum, in 1753, it was purchased

of the duke and duchess by the country, for the sum of £10,000. The collection contains 7639 volumes, exclusive of 14,236 original rolls, charters, deeds, and other legal instruments.

In the excellent Preface to the Catalogue, it is well observed, that "to give a critical account of the rare and curious MSS. preserved in this admirable repository, to point out their respective excellencies, to select their most remarkable passages, and to enter into a circumstantial detail of their several histories, would prove a task infinitely too difficult for any one person who should presume to attempt it."

Some idea may, however, be formed of the importance of the collection, by a brief recapitulation of the heads into which the writer of the Preface to the Catalogue has classed it.

1. Bibles, and Biblical books, in Hebrew, Chaldee, Greek, Arabic, and Latin.

2. Cabbalas, Talmuds, and Talmudical books; Targums, Expositions, Glosses, and Commentaries on the Pentateuch and other books of the Old Testament, in Hebrew, Chaldee, &c.; compiled by the most celebrated ancient as well as later Rabbins.

3. Nearly two hundred volumes of the writings of the Fathers of the Church, from the ninth to the fourteenth century, including Ancient Councils, Canons, and Ecclesiastical Constitutions, Annotations, Commentaries, Expositions, Harmonies of the Four Gospels, Paraphrases, Histories of the Old and New Testament, &c.

4. Liturgies, and Liturgical books, of the Syrian, Samaritan, Russian, Roman, Greek, and English Churches.

5. Missals, Breviaries, and Hours of the Holy Virgin, according to the uses of the Roman, English, and Gallican

Churches; Rituals, Ordinals, Books of Offices, Processionals, and Graduals; many of them illuminated, and adorned with historical and other paintings.

6. Ancient Evangelistaria and Lectionaries.

7. Menologies, Martyrologies, and Lives of Saints.

8. A variety of other books of religion and devotion, consisting chiefly of Prayers, in the Hebrew, Latin, Arabic, Persic, Turkish, Ethiopic, English, French, German, and Dutch tongues; transcripts of the Alcoran, &c.

9. So great a number of curious and authentic manuscripts, relative, as well to the Topographical Description and Antiquities of Britain, as to the Civil and Ecclesiastical History of the Kingdom; its Laws, Constitution, and Government; that this mine of learning appears inexhaustible, and every vein replete with the richest stores.

10. Heraldic and Armorial Collections.

11. Register Books, Chartularies, and other Evidences of the Estates of our ancient Nobility, and Monastic Houses.

12. Ceremonials, Pomps, and Solemnities.

13. Topographies, Descriptions, and General Histories of the PRINCIPALITY OF WALES: Surveys, Statutes, Collections of Laws and Customs; Taxations and Valuations of Bishoprics, Episcopal and other Charters, Conventions, Papal Bulls, Histories of Welsh Heroes, and Genealogies.

14. Materials relative to the Civil and Ecclesiastical History of SCOTLAND, consisting of Descriptions, Histories, Chronicles, Copies of Treaties, Acts of Parliament, and Public Instruments, State Papers, Letters, Papal Bulls, Ecclesiastical Taxations, Rentals of Benefices, Arms, Achievements, and Pedigrees.

15. Histories, Chronicles, and Annals, as well Eccle-

siastical as Civil; Laws, Charters, &c.; illustrative of the HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF IRELAND.

16. Many ancient Copies of the Greek and Latin Classics and Historians.

17. Lexicons, Glossaries, and Dictionaries, of the Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Welsh, Chinese, Persic, Arabic, German, Courlandic, Saxon, English, and Turkish languages.

18. Chorographies, Antiquities, Histories, Chronicles, &c., of France and other countries.

19. Histories of Popes, and the Transactions of the See of Rome.

20. Poems, Essays, Ditties, Ancient Ballads, Plays, and other Poetical Pieces, in almost every modern language.

21. A very large collection both of ancient and modern Musical Compositions, with Anecdotes of their Authors.

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24. Many rare MSS. in Astronomy, Cosmography, and Geography.

25. A vast variety of Alchymical, Chymical, Chirurgical, Pharmaceutical, and Medical Tracts.

26. A great number of volumes of original Letters, and authentic Transcripts of others, written as well by sundry persons who have been eminent for their high stations in the State, as by those who were remarkable for their literary accomplishments; together with an immense variety of MSS., which, exclusive of their importance in other respects, are highly valuable, on account of the many illuminations with which they are embellished.

The Catalogue at present in use is in *four volumes folio*, and is entitled,

“A CATALOGUE OF THE HARLEIAN MANUSCRIPTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM,” 1808-1812.

The *first three* volumes are devoted to detailed descriptions of the Manuscripts, whilst the *fourth* contains most valuable Indexes of Persons, Places, and Matters.

It was originally commenced in 1708, by Mr. Wanley, the Librarian to Robert and Edward, the first and second Earl of Oxford. He was employed on it until his death, in July, 1726, and reached to No. 2408.

It was resumed in 1733, by Mr. Casley, Keeper of the Cottonian Library, who continued it to No. 5709. Soon after the death of Lord Oxford, in June, 1741, the Catalogue was committed to Mr. Hocker, the Deputy Keeper of the Records in the Tower, who, in less than two years, completed it as far as No. 7355. In this state the Catalogue remained until the 22d of July, 1800, when, at the express desire of the Record Commission, the Trustees engaged the Rev. Rob. Nares, under Librarian of the MS. Department, to revise and correct the latter part of the Catalogue, beginning from No. 3100. This task, and the revision of the previous part of the Catalogue, between Nos. 2408 and 3100, was performed by him, with the assistance of the Rev. Stebbing Shaw, and Mr. Douce; and the first three volumes appeared in 1808. The fourth volume, which consists of *Indexes*, was compiled by the Rev. Thos. Hartwell Horne, and was published in 1812.

The present price of this Catalogue is £2. 2s. The original price was £8. 8s. (See page 18.)

“This Catalogue,” says Sir Harris Nicolas, “is a key

to inexhaustible sources of information, on almost every subject; but to those who are interested in historical, antiquarian, or biographical literature, it is indispensable, and, as well as the Cottonian and Lansdowne Catalogues, will well repay an attentive perusal; for so infinite is the variety of the subjects which occur, that the general Indexes furnish but an imperfect idea of the contents of these matchless collections.”*

4.—*Royal Collection.*

The Library of Printed Books and Manuscripts, more generally known as the “Old Royal,” to distinguish it from the “New Royal,” or “King’s Collection,” was founded by King James the First. It consisted at first of the valuable Collection of the Lord Lumley, which was purchased by the king, and deposited in the Palace at St. James’s, for the use of Prince Henry, by the advice of Sir Adam Newton, his tutor. Some time after, a large addition was made by the books of a Welch gentleman, whose name was Maurice, which had been collected by him in France and Italy; and upon the death of the learned Isaac Casaubon, in 1614, it was further augmented, as well by his Manuscripts, as Printed Books with his manuscript Notes. The printed books which had been collected from the time of Henry VII., amount to about 10,200 volumes, and the manuscripts, which date from the reign of Richard III. to that of Charles II., have been calculated at about 1950 volumes.

* See a useful little work, entitled, ‘A Description of the Contents, &c., of the various Works printed by Authority of the Record Commission.’ 8vo. Lond. 1831.

In the year 1757, King George II., under an instrument that passed the Great Seal, presented this valuable Library to the nation. At that time it was deposited in the Old Dormitory at Westminster, to which place it had been removed from Ashburnham House, at the time of the lamentable fire which broke out in that building, on the 23d of October, 1731, from which it fortunately sustained but slight injury. From thence it was transferred to Montague House, then just purchased as a depository for Dr. Sloane's Museum, and placed among the other collections.

The destruction of our monastic institutions tended greatly to enrich the Royal Collection, and the spare leaves of many of the manuscripts still bear the names of the libraries to which they formerly belonged. It abounds in old scholastic divinity, and possesses invaluable volumes, enriched by the finest illuminators of different countries. Among the *Biblical* Manuscripts, it boasts the possession of the justly celebrated "Codex Alexandrinus," containing the *Greek* Septuagint version of the Holy Scriptures, reputed to be one of the two earliest and most complete copies known to exist. Here also is preserved the famous Psalter, presented by one Baldwin Smith, a merchant of London, to Queen Mary, daughter of Henry VIII.; the splendid volume of "Romances," presented by Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, to Queen Margaret of Anjou; and the "Basilicon Doron" of King James I., in his own handwriting. The collection of Chronicles is exceedingly fine, amounting to upwards of fifty ponderous volumes, some of which are richly illuminated. A great number of these appear to have been executed for King Edward IV.

The Catalogue of this Library, at present in use, was

printed some years before it came to the Museum, having been drawn up by Mr. David Casley, whilst Keeper of the Cottonian Library. It forms *one volume, in quarto*, and is entitled,

“A CATALOGUE OF THE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE KING’S LIBRARY, AN APPENDIX TO THE CATALOGUE OF THE COTTONIAN LIBRARY, TOGETHER WITH AN ACCOUNT OF BOOKS BURNT OR DAMAGED BY A LATE FIRE, ETC., ETC. BY DAVID CASLEY, DEPUTY LIBRARIAN.” *Lond.* 1734.

The present price of the volume is 14s. (See page 18.)

In the arrangement of the Catalogue, the Manuscripts are taken as they originally stood upon the shelves, or sometimes in the order of acquisition, without any classification whatever; the former method appears, however, to have generally prevailed. The collection is divided into twenty parts, and each part into six or seven sections, distinguished by a letter of the alphabet.

In numbering the volumes, two sets of numerals, and a letter of the alphabet, have been used. Those upon the *left of the letter* are *Arabic*, and form the *standing number* of the *part*, whilst those upon the *right* are *Roman*, and indicate *the number of volumes in each section*.

This method differs so much from that adopted in numbering the other Collections, and the difficulty of readily ascertaining the position of the descriptions in the Catalogue, is sometimes so great, that we deem no apology is necessary for presenting the student with the following “Table” of the numbers, and of the *pages* in the Catalogue where they occur.

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5.—*Lansdowne Collection.*

William Petty, first Marquis of Lansdowne, after whom this library has been named, was son of John, fifth son of Thomas Fitz-Maurice, first Earl of Kerry, and was born on the 2d of May, 1737. He was a man of considerable political knowledge, and particularly distinguished for his minute and detailed acquaintance with foreign affairs. After his death, which happened on the 7th of May, 1805, a treaty was entered into by the Trustees of

the British Museum with his representatives for the purchase of his fine library, which was effected in the year 1807, for the sum of £4925.

The number of volumes amounts to 1245, of which the following are some of the most remarkable features.

1. One hundred and twenty-one folio volumes of State Papers, and the Miscellaneous Correspondence of Lord Burleigh.

2. The Correspondence and other Papers of Sir Julius Cæsar, Judge of the Admiralty in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and Chancellor of the Exchequer and Master of the Rolls in that of James the First and Charles the First, consisting of 50 volumes.

3. The Collections of Dr. White Kennett, Bishop of Peterborough, in 107 volumes; chiefly relating to Ecclesiastical History and Biography of Churchmen.

4. Materials for English History, consisting of Letters and State Papers from eminent personages between the reign of Henry the Sixth and that of George the Third.

5. Petyt's Parliamentary Collections; a Treatise on the Star Chamber; Selections from the Patent Rolls, in 15 volumes; Reports of Law Cases, from the reign of Henry the Eighth to that of Charles the First, in 15 volumes; and other manuscripts of a legal nature.

6. Collections for Topography and Heraldry, including Warburton's Collections for Yorkshire, Holles' Collections for Lincolnshire, Registers and Chartularies, and various Heraldic MSS. by Segar, St. George, Dugdale, Le Neve, and other heralds. The Lansdowne Collection likewise contains a few valuable Biblical and Classical MSS., and others of a miscellaneous description.*

* Preface to the Catalogue.

The Catalogue of this Library now in use is divided into *two* parts. The first, containing the Burghley Papers, and a very large portion of the second, were catalogued by Francis Douce, Esq., when Keeper of the Manuscripts in the British Museum. The remainder, including the Cæsar and Kennett Papers, with about 200 other volumes, together with the revision of the whole of the second part, was made by Sir Henry Ellis. It is entitled,

“CATALOGUE OF THE LANSDOWNE MANUSCRIPTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, WITH INDEXES OF PERSONS, PLACES, AND MATTERS,” *fol.* 1819.

The present price of this Catalogue is 11s. (See page 18.)

It must be particularly remembered, when consulting the Lansdowne Catalogue, that there are *two Indexes*; the first of which refers only to the Burghley Papers, that is, as far as No. 122.

The Manuscripts are numbered by *Arabic* numerals, and the articles referred to by *Roman*.

6.—*Hargrave Collection.*

Francis Hargrave, Esq., the gentleman after whom this collection is named, was born about the year 1741. He was an eminent law writer, and so greatly distinguished himself in the *habeas corpus* case, of James Somersett, a negro, in 1772, that he was appointed one of the King's Counsel. He was afterwards made Recorder of Liverpool, and died in August, 1821. In 1813, Parliament, in compliance with a proposal from himself, passed a vote for the purchase of his valuable library for the sum of £8000.

The manuscripts, about 500 in number, relate almost exclusively to *Law*. They consist of Year Books, Reports,

Readings on various Statutes, Treatises on the Authority and Jurisdiction of the several Courts of Law and Equity, Collections of Cases and Opinions, Collections respecting the Customs and Privileges of London and other places, and Tracts and Dissertations on numerous Points and Matters of Law, with a few historical, political, and miscellaneous Papers and Letters.

There is a good Catalogue, by Sir Henry Ellis, in *one volume, quarto*, entitled,

“CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS FORMERLY IN THE POSSESSION OF FRANCIS HARGRAVE, ESQ., ONE OF HIS MAJESTY’S COUNSEL LEARNED IN THE LAW, AND RECORDER OF LIVERPOOL, NOW DEPOSITED IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM,” *Lond.* 1818. 4to.

The present price of this Catalogue is 12s. (See p. 18.)

7.—*Burney Collection.*

The Rev. Charles Burney, D.D., the collector of the manuscripts now called after his name, was the son of Dr. Burney, author of the ‘History of Music,’ and was born at Lynn, in Norfolk, the 4th of December, 1757. He greatly distinguished himself by his classical learning, and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the first Greek scholars of his age. At his death, which took place December 28th, 1817, his fine library was purchased by Parliament for £13,500, a sum that scarcely exceeded one-half of what it had cost. The manuscript collections amounted to about 520 volumes, the most important being copies of Classical authors. More than eighty of the number are in the Greek language. The classical Greek are very important. Among them the celebrated volume formerly belonging to Mr. Charles Towneley, con-

taining the Iliad of Homer, probably of a date not later than the end of the thirteenth century, claims the first place. The Latin Classics are very fine and numerous.

An exceedingly fine Catalogue of this library was drawn up by the Rev. Josiah Forshall, when Keeper of the Manuscripts, and published in the year 1840. It forms *Part II.* of a *New Series* of Catalogues at that time contemplated by the Trustees of the Museum, under the following title:—

“CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, NEW SERIES, VOLUME I.” 1840, *folio*.

Part I. of this volume is formed by the Catalogue of the Arundel Library. There is an excellent *Index* of matter, embracing both Parts, at the end of the volume. *Part II.* is accompanied by *four* plates of fac-similes of the writing and ornaments of some of the more ancient and otherwise remarkable volumes.

The present *price* of *Part II.* is 18*s.*; or with *coloured plates*, £3. 3*s.* That of the *Index* is 15*s.* (See p. 18.)

8.—*The King's Collection.*

The magnificent Library of Printed Books collected by King George III., and presented to the nation in the year 1823, by King George IV., was accompanied by a fine Collection of Manuscripts, amounting to about 440 volumes. When first deposited in the Museum, in the year 1828, they were suffered to remain in the position which they had occupied when in the Royal Library, namely, intermixed with the printed collection. Some years afterwards, however, it was deemed advisable that a place should be assigned to them among the Collections in the

Manuscript Department. They were accordingly transferred to the custody of Sir Frederic Madden in the year 1840, and received the name of the "King's Collection."

They are miscellaneous in their contents. Of the Latin Classical writers there are several elegantly written manuscripts. In English History it possesses some important volumes, particularly a fine series of volumes relating to the negotiations between France and England in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Among the manuscripts relating to French History is a large collection of Instructions to Ambassadors at various Courts, between the years 1525 and 1656. In addition may be mentioned some valuable Treatises and Papers on the Harbours and Fortifications of England and its dependencies, together with numerous manuscripts on Fortifications and Military Architecture, Journals of Sieges, &c. In Heraldry the Library boasts of some beautiful manuscripts, more especially a fine series of the Arms of the Knights of the Garter, in 21 volumes, richly emblazoned on vellum.

An excellent Catalogue of this Collection has been drawn up by Sir Frederic Madden, a copy of which is placed in the Reading Rooms. It is *in manuscript*, of *folio* size, and is entitled,

"CATALOGUE OF THE MANUSCRIPTS IN THE LIBRARY OF KING GEORGE THE THIRD, PRESENTED BY KING GEORGE THE FOURTH TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM, AND DEPOSITED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MANUSCRIPTS." 1841.

There is a copious *Index* of matters at the end of the volume.

9.—*Egerton Collection.*

Francis Henry Egerton, eighth Earl of Bridgewater, to whose liberality the nation is indebted for the fine Collection of Manuscripts called after his name, was born in the year 1756. He was a man of singular habits, and resided for many years entirely at Paris, where he died in April, 1829. In his will, dated 25th of February, 1825, he bequeathed to the Trustees of the British Museum his Collection of Manuscripts, amounting to *sixty-seven* volumes, and *ninety-six* charters. By a further bequest, two separate sums of £5000 and £7000, invested in the three per cent. consols, were left to them "upon trust;" the interest of the *first* named sum to be laid out "in maintaining, improving, keeping up, augmenting, and extending, and in binding," the said Collection of MSS.; and that of the *second*, amounting to £227. 0s. 6d. a year, "to be paid over to such person or persons as shall, from time to time, be charged with the care and superintendence of the said Collection."

The Manuscripts, which chiefly relate to the History and Literature of France and Italy, were deposited in the Museum on the 24th of July, 1829.

In the year 1838, the funds of this Collection were greatly augmented, at the decease of the Rt. Hon. Charles Long, Baron Farnborough, who left the fixed annual sum of £86. 3s. 4d., being the interest of £2872. 6s. 10d. in the three per cent. consols, for the purchase of MSS., "as an addition to the Bridgewater bequest."

This nobleman was the fourth son of Beeston Long, Esq., of Carshalton Park, co. Surrey, and a Privy Coun-

cillor of England and Ireland. He was a gentleman of considerable taste and accomplishments, particularly in painting, and has been called the "Vitruvius" of his age.

By the aid of these bequests, the Egerton Collection has been annually increased, until it at present numbers 1570 volumes.

The following are a few of the more important Manuscripts which have been acquired.

Anno.

1832.—A fine Collection, relating to the History and Literature of Ireland, in 141 volumes; numbered, *Eg. MSS.*, 74—214.

— Colonel Cavendish's Reports of Debates in the House of Commons, 1768—1774, in forty-eight volumes; numbered, *Eg. MSS.*, 215—263.

1835.—A very fine Collection, relating to *Spanish* History, which had formed part of the Library of Don Bernardo Yriarte, for many years a member of the Royal Council, and of the Council of the Indies; in 323 volumes; numbered, *Eg. MSS.*, 284—606.

1845.—The Correspondence and Papers of Cardinals Commendone and Azzolini, with other papers relating to Italian affairs, during the sixteenth century; in twenty-six volumes; numbered, *Eg. MSS.*, 1077—1103.

As there is no *separate* catalogue of this Collection, the following "Table" will be found of great assistance, in

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607— 615.	 1836. pp. 42— 43
616— 622.	 1837. pp. 54— 56
623— 736.	 1838. pp. 23— 31
737— 766.	 1839. pp. 13— 17
767— 888.	 1840. pp. 11— 23
889— 930.	 1841. pp. 65— 72
931— 945.	 1842. pp. 104—106
946—1046.	 1843. pp. 94—103
1047—1070.	 1844. pp. 149—155
1071—1139.	 1845. pp. 63— 88

10.—*Arundel Collection.*

One of our earliest, most zealous, and most munificent patrons of Literature and the Fine Arts, was Thomas Howard, twenty-third Earl of Arundel, only son of Philip, Earl of Arundel, and grandson of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, who was attainted in 1572. He was born 7th July, 1592; created Earl of Norfolk, 6th June, 1644; and died 4th October, 1646. After his death his Collections were partially dispersed; his printed books being presented in 1681, by Mr. Henry Howard, to the Royal Society, and

his Manuscripts shared between that Society* and the College of Arms.†

In 1831, in consequence of an agreement with the Trustees, the Manuscripts which came into the possession of the Royal Society, with the exception of those in the Oriental languages, were transferred to the British Museum. The Oriental‡ Manuscripts, about fifty in number, and mostly in the *Arabic* language, were not received until the year 1835. That portion of the Collection, exclusive of the Oriental, now deposited in the Museum, amounts to 550 volumes, and offers several of unusual interest and value in almost every branch of learning. It is singularly rich in the materials for the history of our own country, including many important Chartularies and Monastic Registers, together with ample materials for illustrating the origin and progress of the English language. The Manuscripts which illustrate the language of France in the twelfth and three succeeding centuries, are of considerable value. The *Greek* Manuscripts are thirty-five in number; those most worthy of notice being a copy of the Gospels of the tenth century, an Evangeliary of the ninth, and another of the twelfth century. The most remarkable feature of the Collection is to be found in a large number of volumes on the subject of Jurisprudence.

* A Catalogue was drawn up at the Direction of the Royal Society, by Mr. Will. Perry, a Fellow of the Society, and was printed in a 4to vol. in 1681. A fuller Catalogue was compiled by Mr. Dryander, and remains in MS. in the Library of the Society.

† An accurate Catalogue of the Manuscripts given to the College of Arms, was drawn up in 1829 by Mr. W. H. Black, and a number of copies printed for private circulation.

‡ Descriptions of these manuscripts will be found printed in the "List of Additions" for 1853, pp. 11-14 and 30.

The largest portion of the Collection was bought by the Earl himself, when at Nuremberg, in the year 1636, and had been the property of Bilibaldus Pirckheymer, one of the most eminent scholars and critics of Germany, in the earlier part of the sixteenth century.

The very excellent Catalogue now in use was drawn up by the Rev. Josiah Forshall, when Keeper of the Manuscripts, and forms *Part I.* of a *New Series* of Catalogues, contemplated by the Trustees of the Museum. It is of a *folio* size, and was published, by their order, in the year 1840, under the following title :

“CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, NEW SERIES, VOLUME I.”

The *Part* is accompanied by *eight* beautiful plates of facsimiles, of the writing and illuminated ornaments of some of the more ancient, or otherwise remarkable volumes. An excellent *Index* of matters to this and the Burney Collection is added at the end of the volume.

Part I. can be purchased as directed at page 18, for the sum of £1. 8s. ; or with *coloured plates*, £4. 14s. 6d. The *Index* to the two parts may be had separately for 15s.

11.—*Additional Collection.*

The term “*Additional*” is applied to all the *smaller* Collections of Manuscripts, whether purchased by, or presented to, the Trustees, since the foundation of the Museum, which have not been deemed of sufficient bulk or importance to form separate Collections. In this number may be mentioned the *Birch*, *Burrell*, *Cole*, *Jermyn*, *Wolley*, and similar Collections, which, although absorbed in, and numbered with, the general mass, are still known,

and constantly asked for by these names. The *Additional* Manuscripts commence where the Sloane Collection ends, namely, at number 4101, and have been numbered consecutively onwards, from time to time, as they were acquired, until they have at length reached the surprising amount of 14,976 volumes.

The following "Table" exhibits the accessions during the past *ten* years.

Anno.	Number of MSS. acquired.	Anno.	Number of MSS. acquired.
1843 . . .	805	1848 . . .	575
1844 . . .	591	1849 . . .	268
1845 . . .	318	1850 . . .	508
1846 . . .	730	1851 . . .	367
1847 . . .	697	1852 . . .	452

Although large sums are annually expended in the purchase of Manuscripts, the public are not a little indebted to the liberality of private individuals for many of the very valuable Collections to which they can now obtain access. This will be fully seen in the following brief history of the progress of the Collection, in which are recorded all the larger and more important accessions, from the foundation of the Library to the present time, together with the manner in which they have been obtained.

Anno.

1756.—A large and valuable Collection of Transcripts from Ancient Records, &c.; intended as materials for a Feudal History of England. Collected by Thomas Madox, Esq., Historiographer to Queen Anne, and King George I., in 94 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 4479—4572. *Bequeathed by Mrs. Madox.*

Anno.

- 1756.—The Collections of Mr. Thomas Rymer, not printed in his *Fœdera*, amounting to 58 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 4573—4630. *Deposited by order of the House of Lords.*
- 1766.—A Collection of Transcripts made from original papers in various Libraries, to illustrate English History, by the Rev. Dr. Birch, Rector of Sidington St. Mary, in 378 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 4101—4478. *Bequeathed by Dr. Birch.*
- 1770.—Copies of the Rolls of Parliament, from the reign of Edw. III. to that of Richard III. inclusive, in 65 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 4631—4695. *Deposited by order of the House of Lords.*
- Collections for a History of the County of Kent, in 62 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 5478—5539. *Purchased from Edward Hasted, Esq., the Historian of Kent.*
- A fine Collection relating to the History and Antiquities of Sussex, in 41 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 5670—5711. *Bequeathed by Sir William Burrell, Bart.*
- 1783.—A fine Collection of Manuscripts, chiefly relating to the County of Cambridge, in 92 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 5798—5887. *Bequeathed by the Rev. W. Cole, A.M. of King's College, Cambridge.*
- 1810.—Registers of the Archbishops of Canterbury, from A.D. 1279—1756, in 52 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 6062—6113. *Purchased at the sale of the Library of Richd. Gough, Esq., of Enfield, F.S.A.*

Anno.

1810.—The Diplomatic and Private Correspondence of Mr. (subsequently Sir Andrew) Mitchell, Ambassador at the Court of Berlin, from 1756—1770, in 69 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 6804—6872. *Purchased.*

— A Collection of Papers, &c., chiefly relating to the Royal Society and Gresham College, formerly belonging to Dr. Ward, in 93 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 6179—6271. *Bequeathed by Dr. John Loveday.*

1819.—A Collection of Manuscripts chiefly relating to Heraldic Matters, Ceremonials, Archery, &c., in 66 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 6277—6342. *Presented by Lady Banks.*

— The Theological Collections and Papers, of the Rev. Thomas Mangey, D.D., Preb. of Durham, and of the Rev. Edw. Chandler, D.D., Bp. of Durham, in 64 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 6421—6484. *Presented by Miss Sharp of Durham.*

1820.—A miscellaneous Collection of Manuscripts, the most curious being the Log-books of the Endeavour, Resolution, and Race-Horse, and the Journals of Tasman, Verwey, Carver, and other Navigators, in 49 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 8928—8976. *Bequeathed by Sir Joseph Banks, Bart.*

1825.—A very fine Collection of Oriental Manuscripts in the Syriac, Arabic, Persian, and Turkish Languages, formed by Claudius J. Rich, Esq., whilst Consul at Bagdad, in 802 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 7141—7942. *Purchased.*

Anno.

1825.—A fine Collection of Oriental Manuscripts, in 136 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 6528—6664. *Bequeathed by John Fowler Hull, Esq.*

1827.—A valuable Collection of Manuscripts relating to Derbyshire, in 53 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 6666 — 6718. *Bequeathed by Adam Wolley, Esq., of Matlock.*

1828.—An important Collection of Manuscripts and Drawings, illustrative of the history of Costume, Armour, &c., together with Drawings and Sketches relating to Early English Architecture, in 49 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 6728 — 6776. *Bequeathed by the Rev. Thos. Ker-rich.*

1829.—A miscellaneous Collection, chiefly consisting of Oriental Manuscripts, in 145 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 6913—7057. *Presented by Mrs. M. B. Williamson.*

— The Correspondence of the Count Joseph de Puisaye, relative to the Affairs of the French Royalists, between the years 1793 and 1825, in 117 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 7972—8089. *Bequeathed by that nobleman.*

1830.—Collections for a General History of the County of Suffolk, made by Hen. Jermyn, Esq., in 51 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 8168—8218. *Presented by Hudson Gurney, Esq.*

— A magnificent Collection of Manuscripts relating to the Affairs and Literature of Italy, in 604 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 8220—8823. *Purchased at the sale of the Earl of Guilford's Library.*

Anno.

- 1831.—Materials collected by the Rev. William Coxe, Archdeacon of Wilts, for the numerous Works of which he was the author, in 206 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 9078—9283. *Presented by his brother the Rev. Geo. Coxe.*
- 1832.—A very fine Collection of Papers relating to the English Navy, &c., in 51 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 9294—9344. *Purchased of Sir Geo. Duckett, Bart.*
- 1833.—The Topographical Collections made by the Rev. Dan. Lysons, for his “Magna Britannia,” and the “Environs of London,” in 64 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 9408—9471. *Presented by that gentleman.*
- A fine Collection of Oriental Manuscripts, in 236 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 9472—9707. *Purchased from O. Rich, Esq.*
- 1834.—A miscellaneous Collection, containing the Southwell and Blathwait Correspondence, together with many Papers relating to the Army and Navy, and to the Proceedings of the Irish Parliament, 1692—1719; in 61 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 9708—9768. *Purchased at the sale of Lord De Clifford's Library.*
- 1835.—A fine Collection of Drawings, illustrative of the Natural History of India, in 59 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 10,974—11,032. *Bequeathed by Major-General Hardwicke.*
- 1836.—A very fine Collection of Manuscripts, chiefly Historical, including about 85 volumes of the “Relazioni,” or Reports made to the Seignory of Venice, by the Ambassadors of that Republic

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on their return from their Missions, in 331 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 10,043—10,373. *Purchased at the sale of Mr. Heber's Library.*

1837.—A fine Collection of Italian Literature from the Canonici Collection, in 291 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 10,629—10,919. *Purchased at the sale of Mr. Sneyd's Library.*

— An important Collection of Icelandic Manuscripts, formerly belonging to Professor Finn Magnuson, in 191 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 11,061—11,251. *Purchased.*

1841.—The valuable Manuscript Collections of the Rev. Dr. Butler, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, including many valuable Biblical Manuscripts; a fine Collection of the Works of the more important Classical writers; and a valuable Series of Autographs, in 290 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 11,828—12,117. *Purchased.*

— An important Collection of ancient and valuable Syriac Manuscripts, obtained by the Rev. Hen. Tattam, from the Monastery of the Syrians, dedicated to St. Mary Deipara, in the Desert of Nitria, or Scete, about seventy miles north-west of Cairo, in 49 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 12,133—12,181. *Purchased. (See the next page.)*

1842.—A Collection of Manuscripts in the Javanese, Bugis, and Malay Languages, in 129 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 12,273—12,401. *Purchased from John Crawford, Esq., Author of the "History of the Indian Archipelago."*

Anno.

1842.—The whole of the Papers and Correspondence of the late Marquess Wellesley, during the period he was Governor-General of India, from 1798—1805, in 1351 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 12,564—13,914. *Presented by that Nobleman's executors.*

1843.—A large Collection of Manuscript Music made by Signor Gaspar Selvaggi, of Naples, in 149 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 14,101—14,249. *Presented by the Most Hon. the Marquess of Northampton.*

— Another very fine and valuable Collection of Syriac Manuscripts, of great Biblical importance, the greater portion written between the sixth and ninth centuries; obtained from the Monastery of St. Mary Deipara. by the Rev. Hen. Tattam, in 317 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 14,425—14,741. (*See the preceding page.*)

1844.—An important Collection of Welsh Manuscripts, in 96 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 14,866,—14,961. *Presented by the Governors of the Welsh School, London.*

— A similar Collection to the preceding, in 128 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 14,962—15,089. *Presented by the Cymmrodorion Society.*

— A valuable Collection of Manuscripts, including some fine copies of the Bible, in 73 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 15,241—15,313. *Purchased at the sale of the Duke of Sussex's Library.*

Anno.

1845.—An extensive series of Transcripts relating to Great Britain, made from the Papal Registers, extending from Honorius III. [1216] to Clement XIII. [1759], in 50 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 15,351—15,400. *Transferred from her Majesty's State Paper Office.*

1846.—A Collection of valuable Manuscripts, consisting chiefly of Official Papers and Correspondence; extensive Collections for a new edition of Upcott's Topography; together with a valuable Collection of Foreign Autographs; in all 117 vols. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 15,841—15,957. *Purchased at the sale of Mr. Upcott's Library.*

— A large Collection of Manuscript Music, in 182 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 15,979—16,160. *Bequeathed by Dom. Dragonetti, Esq.*

— A very valuable Collection of Æthiopic Manuscripts, in 74 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 16,185—16,258. *Presented by the Church Missionary Society.*

— A large Collection of Chinese Manuscripts and Maps, in 85 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 16,281—16,365. *Presented by the Earl of Aberdeen, when Secretary of State.*

1847.—A Selection from the Collection of Manuscripts of the Count Ranuzzi, of Bologna, illustrative of the History of France, Spain, and Italy, during the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries. In 117 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 16,406—16,558. *Purchased.*

Anno.

1847.—A valuable Collection of Oriental Manuscripts, the greater part written in the Persian Language, in 245 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 16,637—16,881. *Presented by the Sons of Major-General Yule.*

— An important accession of ancient Syriac Manuscripts, obtained from the Monastery of St. Mary Deipara (*see ante*, pp. 57 and 58), in 173 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 17,102—17,274. *Purchased.*

1848.—A fine Collection of Papers and Maps relating to the History, Geography, and Statistics, of South America and the Philippine Islands, in 121 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 17,556—17,676. *Purchased.*

1849.—A Collection of Manuscript Music, in 44 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 17,818—17,861. *Presented by Vincent Novello, Esq.*

1850.—A very fine Collection of ancient Manuscripts on Vellum, containing Theological, Juridical, Metaphysical, and Miscellaneous Treatises, the greater part of which formed a portion of the Library of the Benedictine Monastery of Mount St. George [Jorgenberg], near Schwatz, in the Tyrol. In 90 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 18,297—18,386. *Purchased.*

1851.—A Collection of Oriental Manuscripts, among which are several valuable Historical Works in Arabic, in 53 volumes. Numbered, *Add. MSS.* 18,497—18,549. *Purchased from Dr. T. H. Sternschuss.*

Anno.

1852.—The extensive Collections for the History of the County of Suffolk, made by the late D. E. Davy, Esq. of Ufford, forming a series of nearly 160 volumes. *Purchased.*

It should be observed, that, in the foregoing summary, we have omitted—with a few exceptions—to make any mention of Collections numbering less than fifty volumes, a rule which the limits assigned to our book have compelled us, with reluctance, to adopt. Such Collections are however numerous; and, in many cases, of great value and importance.

It will be readily supposed, from the cursory view we have been enabled to present of this division of the Manuscript Department, that its contents are varied, and afford most valuable information to students in every branch of literature. But little attempt has been made *at classification*, either in the arrangement of the Manuscripts on the shelves, or of their descriptions in the Catalogues.

The first *printed* Catalogue of the “ADDITIONAL” Collection was published by order of the Trustees in the year 1830, in a *thin 4to form*, and contains descriptions of the Manuscripts, &c. acquired in the year 1828. It is entitled,

“ANNUAL LIST OF DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM,” 1828. *Lond.* 1830.

In it—as in all the other “Lists,” to the year 1835, inclusive—the manuscripts take the precedence; the remainder of the volume being devoted to descriptions of the Printed Books, Specimens of Natural History, &c. &c., acquired during the same period.

Similar "Lists" were published in the year 1831, in which brief descriptions of the "Donations and Bequests," made during the years 1829 and 1830, are given.

In these "Lists" the *numbers* of the Manuscripts are omitted; nor is any notice taken of the volumes acquired *by purchase* during that period.

Further "Lists" of the *Additions* made to the Collection, during the years 1831—1835, were published between 1833—1839, the form of the Catalogue being changed to that of an *octavo*, and the *title* altered to,—

"LIST OF ADDITIONS MADE TO THE COLLECTIONS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, IN THE YEAR"

The *numbers* of the Manuscripts were then for the first time added to the descriptions.

The practice of publishing an annual "List" was then discontinued; and it was not until the year 1843 that the next volume appeared, bearing the following title:

"LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE MANUSCRIPTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, IN THE YEARS 1836—1840. 8vo. Lond. 1843."

The present price of this volume is 10s. (See page 18.)

This volume is devoted to the descriptions of *Manuscripts* only, and is furnished with a good *Index* of matters at the end. During the years 1841—1850, other "Lists" from time to time appeared, which were collected into a volume in the latter year, supplied with an excellent *Index*, and entitled,

"LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE MANUSCRIPTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, IN THE YEARS 1841—1845. 8vo. Lond. 1850."

The present price of this volume is £1. (See page 18.)

Since this time no further *printed* "Lists" have been

published, but the descriptions of subsequent accessions, have been continued *in manuscript* as far as number 18,984, in a folio volume, entitled, "Hand-List of the Additional Manuscripts, 1846—1852." This volume has been *temporarily* placed in the Reading Room for the use of the "readers."

The descriptions contained in the *printed* "lists" above enumerated, commence with *Additional Manuscripts*, 6666, and have been continued to number 15,667, with the exception of about two hundred volumes, which, from their not falling under the denomination of *donations* or *bequests*, were not included in the earlier lists. Brief descriptions of the contents of these volumes have lately been printed, and inserted, according to their proper numbers, in *two folio volumes*, to which we now *particularly desire* to call the student's attention.*

Owing to some cause or other, the *numbers* in the *earlier lists* do not follow in consecutive order, which renders it extremely perplexing to those, who have occasion to refer to them for the description of any particular volume. To obviate this inconvenience, and forward the student's researches as much as possible, the *descriptions* have been separated from the various "lists," and placed *numerically*, in the *two folio volumes* just referred to.

The same process has been observed with respect to the *Indexes, Lists of Charters, and Rolls, Seals, Papyri, &c.*, and copies of the whole have been placed upon the shelves with the other Catalogues.

These useful volumes are, however, only available to those persons *who frequent the Reading Rooms*. We have

* Copies of these descriptions will be found in the *numerical* "table," pp. 66—80 of this work.

therefore carefully prepared a *numerical* "Table" of the whole Collection, for the more especial use of those who reside at too great a distance from the Museum to admit of their readily consulting the volumes of which we speak, and who have copies of the published "lists" in their own possession.

As we shall have occasion to make frequent reference in the following "Table" to a *Manuscript Catalogue*, it may be as well to explain what Catalogue is thus designated. Upon the shelves of that part of the Reading Room appropriated to the Catalogues of the Manuscript Collections, stand *twenty-three volumes, in folio*, in which are entered, *in Manuscript*, detailed descriptions of the *Additional MSS.*, numbered from *5015 to 7061 inclusive. It is to this Catalogue that we refer.

The following title is prefixed to the first volume.

"CATALOGUE OF THE ADDITIONS MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MANUSCRIPTS, SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF MR. AYS COUGH'S CATALOGUE IN 1782."

The numbers are thus disposed.

Vol.	Add. MSS.	Vol.	Add. MSS.
i. {	4324—4326.	xii.	6667—6672.
	*5015—5136.	xiii.	6673—6683.
ii.	5137—5407.	xiv.	6684—6718.
iii.	5408—5494.	xv.	6719—6803.
iv.	5495—5662.	xvi.	6804—6808.
v.	5663—5753.	xvii.	6809—6810.
vi.	5754—5822.	xviii.	6811—6821.
vii.	5823—5846.	xix.	6822—6831.
viii.	5847—6050.	xx.	6832—6848.
ix.	6051—6209.	xxi.	6849—6872.
x.	6210—6327.	xxii.	6873—6877.
xi.	6328—6666.	xxiii.	6878—7061.

A very excellent *Index* to these volumes, and also to the Contents of the "Lists of Donations," and "Lists of Additions," for the years 1829 to 1835, inclusive, has been *printed*, and placed among the other Catalogues. It is in *folio*, and bears the following title,

"INDEX TO THE ADDITIONAL MANUSCRIPTS, WITH THOSE OF THE EGERTON COLLECTION, PRESERVED IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, AND ACQUIRED IN THE YEARS 1783—1835.—*Lond.* 1849."

A numerical "Table" of the ADDITIONAL MSS., showing in what Catalogues their *descriptions* may be found.

* * * The numbers marked thus † are *omitted* in the "Lists of Additions"

Additional Manuscript.	Where described.			
4101 §--5015.	"Sloane Catalogue."			
*5015—5136.	"Manuscript ditto"	.	.	vol. i.
5137—5407.	—	—	.	ii.
5408—5494.	—	—	.	iii.
5495—5662.	—	—	.	iv.
5663—5753.	—	—	.	v.
5754—5822.	—	—	.	vi.
5823—5846.	—	—	.	vii.
5847—6050.	—	—	.	viii.
6051—6209.	—	—	.	ix.
6210—6327.	—	—	.	x.
6328—6665.	—	—	.	xi.
6666—6698.	"List of Additions" for 1828, pp. 3, 4; <i>also</i> , "MS. Cat.," vols. xii., xiii., xiv.			
†6699.	Index to Mr. Wolley's Collection of Charters. Fol.			

§ The Manuscripts numbered from 1 to 4100 inclusive, form the *Sloane Collection*, and have been already described at page 22.

- | Additional
Manuscript. | Where described. |
|---------------------------|---|
| 6700—6718. | "List of Additions" for 1828, pp. 4, 5, 6;
also, "MS. Cat." vol. xiv. |
| †6719—6721. | Widalin's Dissertation on the Laws
of Iceland; <i>Icelandic</i> , 3 vols. 4to. |
| †6722—6727. | Selections from the Papers of Ld.
Chief Baron Pengelley. 6 vols. fol. |
| 6728—6776. | "List of Additions" for 1828, p. 7. |
| †6777—6781. | Burmese Manuscripts. |
| †6782—6789. | Mathematical Papers of Thomas
Harriott. 8 vols. fol. |
| †6790. | Aristotelis Ethicorum, libb. x. <i>Gr.</i> s. xv. 4to. |
| †6791. | Pythagoræ Carmina Aurea, etc. <i>Gr.</i> s. xvi. 4to. |
| †6792. | Ciceronis de Finibus Bonorum et Malorum,
libb. v., s. xv. Fol. min. |
| †6793. | Ciceronis Epistolarum ad Atticum, libb. xvi.
etc. s. xv. 4to. |
| †6794. | Quinti Curtii Rufi de rebus gestis Alexandri
Magni, xv. s. Fol. |
| †6795. | Musgrave's Catalogue of English Portraits.
4to. |
| †6796. | Le Roman de Melusine, <i>Fr.</i> xv. s. Fol. |
| †6797. | La Fleur des Histoires, 2nd vol. xvii. cent.
Fol. |
| †6798—6799. | Palermo ristorato, 3 pts. xvii. cent.
Fol. |
| †6800. | Account of the Sicilian Vespers, &c. xviii.
cent. Fol. |
| †6801. | Letters written during the Conquest of
Sicily by the Arabians, xviii. cent. Fol. |
| †6802. | Descrizione della Galleria di Casa Bonarotti
di Firenze, xviii. cent. Fol. |
| †6803. | Dell' origine della Repubblica di San Marino.
Fol. |

See also "MS. Cat." vol. xv.

- | Additional
Manuscript. | Where described. |
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| †6804—6872. | Diplomatic and Private Correspondence of Sir Andrew Mitchell, English Envoy at the Court of Berlin, 1756—1770. 68 vols.; see "MS. Cat." vol. xvi—xxi. |
| †6873—6877. | Binda Letters and Papers. 5 vols.; see "MS. Cat." vol. xxii. |
| 6878—6879. | See "List of Additions" for 1828, p. 8. |
| †6880. | Account of leasing out the Clarendon Press, 1766. 12mo. |
| †6881. | Statutes for the guidance of the English Nuns at Brussels, 1612. 4to. |
| †6882. | J. Stepling, de Pluviâ lapideâ anni 1753, ad Strkow, meditatio. 8vo. |
| †6883. | "Memoirs of a Turkeysshe Voyage," 1578, &c., xvii. cent. Fol. |
| †6884. | Register of the Letters written by the Duchess of Parma and the Duke of Alva, to the Commissaries of Tournay, 1566—1568, xvi. cent. 4to. |
| †6885. | Aristotelis Œconomicorum, libb. duo, per Aretinum traducti, s. xv. |
| †6886. | "Gobierno y mesa de vastimentos para el establecimiento dell' aquitando daños, con lo qual se evitan muchos peccados y engaños que a V. M ^d [Philip II] se hazen," &c., dat. 1592. Small 4to. |
| †6887. | Cremonini, Expositio in Aristotelis lib. de somno et vigilia, etc., s. xvii. 4to. |
| †6888. | Rules for discovering how far objects are off at sea, &c., by J. Mead, xviii. cent. 4to. |

See also "MS. Cat." vol. xxiii.

Additional
Manuscript.

Where described.

- †6889. Dissertation sur les Magistrates de Smyrne, 1753.
- †6890. Breviarium Ordinationum Apost. ad Indias pertinentium [1423—1760]. Fol.
- †6891. Dantis, de monarchia mundi liber, s. xiv. 4to.
- †6892. Papers relating to Papal Conclaves, 1591-2 and 1605, xviii. cent. 4to.
- †6893. Papers relating to the Spanish Expedition to S. America, 1776-7. *Span.* Fol.
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- †6895. Drawings of Insects of the *Lepidoptera* class, collected in the Environs of London, 1800. 4to.
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- †6898. Galeni methodi medendi, libb. xiv. *Gr.*, etc. s. xiv. Fol.
- †6899. Brabantia illustrata monetis aureis et argenteis, &c. 1288—1688. *Belgice*, s. xvii. Fol.
- †6900. Statistical Memoir on Russia, 1729. *Fr.* Fol.
- †6901. Tracts relating to Papal Conclaves, 1523—1621. *Lat. and Ital.* xvii. cent. Fol.
- †6902. Papers relating chiefly to the History of the Netherlands, xvi. and xvii. cent. *Span. Ital. and Fr.* Fol.
- †6903. Hippocratis Aphorismi, *Arab.* 8vo.
- 6904—6910. See "List of Additions" for 1828, pp. 9—12.
- †6911. Volume of Miscellaneous Papers and Letters, 1691—1803. Fol.

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- †6912. "Instructions for Digbie." A Paper in Cypher, signed by King Chas. I. Fol.
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- 6913—7084. *See* "List of Additions" for 1829, pp. 3—8
Also "MS. Cat." vol. xxiii.
- †7085. Charts, Plans, Views, &c., taken on board the Endeavour, by Lt. James Cook, 1768—1770. La. fol.
- †7086. Apocalypsis S. Johannis, *Arab.* xiv. cent. 4to.
- †7087—7095. Persian Manuscripts, chiefly Poetry, xvi—xviii. cent. 4to and 8vo.
- †7096. Registrum Mon. S. Edmundi de Bury, xv. cent. vell. la. Fol.
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- †7099. Extracts from the Household Books of Henry VII. from 1491—1505. 4to.
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- 7104—7136. *See* "List of Additions" for 1829, pp. 17, 18.
- †7137. Common Pl. Book, of the Rev. Phillip Morris, of Pensax, co. Worc. 1660-3. 12mo.
7138. *See* "List of Additions" for 1828, p. 6.
- †7139. The Bible in Short-hand, Genesis to Samuel.
7140. *See* "List of Additions" for 1828, p. 6.

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- †7965. Wardrobe Book, 25 Edw. I. *vell.* Fol.
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- †7966.[B.] Liberationes Ceræ et Speceræ factæ pro Hospitio Regis, 29 Edw. I. *vell.* 4to.
- †7967. Compotus de receptis, &c., circa quædam negotia Regis expedienda in ducatu Aquitaniæ, 17—19 Edw. II. *vell.* Fol.
- †7968. Accompt of Equipment of certain Vessels serving in the Narrow Seas, 36 Hen. VIII. Fol.
7969. See "List of Additions" for 1830, p. 4.
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- †7971. Voyage Minéralogique, depuis le Caire jusqu'à l'Arabie Pétrée, 1828. Fol.
- 7972—8090. See "List of Additions" for 1829, pp. 8—13.
- †8091. Evangelium S. Johannis, sec. xi. 4to. min.
- †8092. Epistolæ mag. Alexandri de Neccham, de Uten-silibus domorum, sec. xiii. 4to. min.
- †8093. A Treatise of Fistula, &c., *vell.* xv. cent. sm. Fol.
- 8094—8100. See "List of Additions" for 1828, p. 9.
- †8101. Genealogical Roll of the Kings of England, *vell.* xiii. cent.
- †8102. Account of Fees, Corrodies, &c., paid to members of the suppressed Monasteries, 2 & 3 Ph. and M., *vell. roll.*
- †8103—8124. Accompts of Lawrence Hyde, subsequently Earl of Rochester, 1667—1678. *Twenty-two rolls.*
- †8125. Accompt of Henry, Earl of Clarendon, Treasurer to Catherine, Queen Dowager, 36 Car. II.—1 Jac. II. *A roll.*

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- †8136—8141. Thesium Medicarum Parisiensium collectio, 1539—1694. 6 vols. fol.
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- †8143. Keith's "Catalogue of the Bishops of Scotland," *with MS. additions*. 4to.
- †8144. Collections intended as additions to the preceding work. Fol.
- †8145—8147. See "List of Additions," for 1830, p. 4.

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| †8148. | Analysis of a Treatise on Arabic Grammar, 1733, 4to. |
| †8149. | The story of Hasan and Husain, in <i>Persian</i> , written A.D. 1715. 8vo. |
| †8150. | Directory for the Festivals of the Armenian Church. <i>Armen.</i> A.D. 1628. Small 4to. |
| †8151. | The "Myrrour of Lyfe," in Eng. verse, <i>pap.</i> xv. cent. 4to. |
| †8152. | Indexes to Appeals, &c. in the House of Lords, xvii and xviii cent. Fol. |
| | 8153—8160. See "List of Additions" for 1830, pp. 4, 5. |
| †8161. | By-Laws of the City of Leyden, between 1421—1479. <i>Dutch.</i> xv. cent. Fol. |
| †8162. | Abstracts of Legal Cases and Reports, xviii. cent. Fol. |
| †8163. | List of the Conservators of the Peace, sworn in at Dublin, 1803. Fol. |
| †8164. | Papers relating to the City of Dublin, 1794—1806. Fol. |
| †8165. | Il Triregno, celeste, papale e terrestre, 1768. 4to. |
| | 8166—8218. See "List of Additions" for 1830, pp. 3, 4, 6, 7. |
| | 8219—8823. See "List of Additions" for 1831, pp. 5—24. |
| †8824. | "Les Heures de n ^{re} Dame," formerly belonging to the family of Du Croy, 1601. <i>vell.</i> 8vo. |
| †8825. | Account of the opening of the coffin of King Charles I., 1813, <i>pap.</i> |
| | 8826—8834. See "List of Additions" for 1831, p. 24. |
| †8835. | Wardrobe-Book for the Year 32 Edw. I. <i>vell.</i> Fol. |

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| 8836—8851. | <i>See</i> "List of Additions" for 1831, pp. 24, 25. |
| †8852. | Correspondence of Etienne Jean de Montperroux, Fr. Ambassador at Geneva, 1745—1750, 1758—1760. Fol. |
| †8853—8856. | Autograph Letters of French Officers, xviii. and xix. cent. 4 vols. Fol. |
| †8857—8858. | Orig. Letters of French Ministers of State, the greater part since the Revolution. 2 vols. fol. |
| †8859. | Letters of the Knights of the Order of St. Lazare of France, in answer to a summons to attend a Chapter of the Order, 17 Dec. 1721. Fol. |
| †8860. | Orig. Letters of Abbesses and Prioresses of France to the Receiver-General of the Clergy, fr. 1740—1787. Fol. |
| †8861. | Index to the Coats of Arms in Holme's "Academie of Armory." 4to. |
| 8862—8879. | <i>See</i> "List of Additions" for 1831, pp. 25, 26. |
| 8880—8891. | — pp. 1, 2, 26. |
| 8892—8900. | 1832, pp. 2, 3. |
| 8901. | 1831, p. 26. |
| 8902—8905. | 1832, pp. 1, 3. |
| 8906—8925. | — pp. 3, 6, 7. |
| †8926. | Classed Catalogue of the Cottonian Manuscripts.
<i>vell. roll.</i> |
| 8927. | <i>See</i> "List of Additions" for 1832. p. 3. |
| †8928. | Tractatus brevis de re Medicâ, s. xi. 4to, min. |
| †8929. | Bartholomæi de Glanvilla, de Proprietatibus rerum
lib. xix. s. xv. Fol. |
| †8930. | Rentale terrarum, reddituum, &c., in Com. Leic.
Prioratui S. Pancratii de Lewes pertinentium,
24 Hen. VIII. Fol. |

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- †8931. Copy of Bysshe's Visitation of Kent, A.D. 1665.
Fol.
- †8932. Copy of Segar's Visitation of Kent, A.D. 1615—
1623. Fol.
- †8933. Heraldic Miscellanies, xviii. cent. Fol.
- †8934. Collections relating to the College of Arms,
xviii. cent. Fol.
- †8935. Copy of the Charter of Incorporation of the
Tailors and Drapers of York, 26th April,
14 Car. II. Fol.
- †8936. History of the Town of Kingston-upon-Hull,
1688. Fol.
- †8937. Chronological list of the Mayors of Lynne, from
1517 to 1623. sm. 4to.
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Pedigrees, &c., by William Fox, 1775—1782.
6 vols. 4to and 12mo.
- †8945. Papers relating to the Navigation of the Indian
Seas, xviii. cent. Fol.
- †8946. Tasman's Journal of a Voyage from Batavia,
Aug. 1642, June, 1643. *Dutch*, xviii. cent. Fol.
- †8947. Tasman's Journal, translated into English by
Charles Godfrey Woide, 1776. 4to.
- †8948. Journal kept on board several ships, by Barth.
Verwey, 1664—1667. *Dutch*. Fol.
- †8949. Journal of Carver's Travels from Michillimakinac
to the Country of the Nadouwesse, 1766-7. Fol.
- †8950. Copy of the preceding Journal. Fol.
- †8951—8953. Log-book kept on board the Resolution,
1772—1775. 3 vols. 4to.

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- †8954. Journal to the East Indies on board the Bessborough, 1773-4. Fol.
- †8955. Lieut. Burney's Journal of a Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, 1776—1780. 12mo.
- †8956. Hove's Journal of a Voyage to the East Indies, 1787—1789. Fol.
- †8957. Journal of a Caravan from the Cape of Good Hope to the Bay de la Goa, 1790—1791. *Dutch*. Fol.
- †8958. Papers relating chiefly to New South Wales, 1811—1817. Fol.
- †8959. Log-book of the Endeavour, from May, 1768 to July, 1771. Fol.
- †8960. Register of seamen belonging to the Endeavour, 1768. Fol.
- †8961—8962. Log-book of proceedings on board the Endeavour, upon a Voyage of Discovery to the South Pole, 1772—1775. 2 vols. Fol.
- †8963. Log-Book of the Race Horse, June—Sept. 1773. Fol.
- †8964. Meteorological Journal kept at Canton and Macao, by W. Kerr, 1809. Fol.
- †8965. Guidi Vio tractatus de Spongiis sinus Smyrnæi, 1775. Fol.
- †8966. "Memorias de Domingos Vandelli, Director de Real Jardin Botanico," &c., xviii. cent. sm. 4to.
- †8967. Geographical and Philosophical Miscellanies, xvii.—xix. cent. Fol.
- †8968. Papers and Letters, chiefly relating to scientific subjects, 1785—1818. Fol.
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| †8970. | Drawings of Settlements in Greenland. Obl. 4to. |
| †8971. | Metaphysica hominis, per Joh. Chr. Goldbeck,
conscript. 1803. 8vo. |
| †8972. | Catalogue of Insects, xviii. cent. 4to. |
| †8973. | Dryander's Catalogue of the Library of Dr. L.
Montin, 1777. <i>Swedish</i> . sm. 4to. |
| †8974—8975. | List of Contributors to the <i>Philosophical
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| †8976. | Religious Sentences, in <i>Arabic</i> , xviii. cent. 12mo. |
| †8977. | Inventory of all the Records preserved in the
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| 8980—9046. | pp. 3—6. |
| †9047. | Collection of Maps and Plans. |
| †9048. | Religious Treatise, in <i>German</i> , <i>vell.</i> xiii. cent.
sm. 4to. |
| 9049—9066. | See "List of Additions," for 1832, pp.
.1, 2, 6. |
| †9067. | Transcript of an ancient MS. of Anglo-Saxon
Poetry, preserved in the Cath. Library at Exeter.
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| 9068—9077. | See "List of Additions," for 1833, p. 2. |
| 9078—9283. | 1831, pp. 2—4. |
| †9284. | Song and Chorus, in full score, by Haydn,
<i>Autogr.</i> Obl. 4to. |
| 9285—9292. | See "List of Additions," for 1833, pp.
2—4. |
| †9293. | Reports of the State of Trade of out-ports of
England and Wales, 1759—1764. Fol. |
| 9294—9344. | See "List of Additions," for 1832, pp.
7—10. |

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- †9345. Buchan's Sketches, made in Capt. Cook's first voyage to Otaheite, &c., 1768—1770. Obl. 4to.
- 9346—9362. *See* "List of Additions," for 1833, pp. 2—4.
- †9363. Some account of the Revolution of 1688, &c. 4to.
- 9364—9374. *See* "List of Additions," for 1833, p. 5.
- 9375—9376. 1834, p. 1.
- 9377—9379. 1833, pp. 4, 5.
- †9380. Two original Letters from Raja Singa Rajee, Emp. of Ceylon, dat. 1652, 1658. *Portuguese*.
9381. *See* "List of Additions," for 1833, p. 3.
- 9382—9387. 1834, pp. 2, 3.
- 9388—9389. 1833, pp. 3, 4.
- 9390—9407. 1834, pp. 2, 4.
- 9408—9707. 1833, pp. 1, 6—22.
- 9708—9764. 1834, pp. 4—6.
- †9765—9766. Register of Warrants issued in Ireland, 1703—1707. 2 vols. Large fol.
- †9767—9768. Entry-book of the Committee for Trade and Plantations, 1674—1696. 2 vols. Fol.
- 9769—9783. *See* "List of Additions," for 1834, pp. 2, 3, 6, 7.
- †9784. Mauri Servii Honorati, in Virgilii Bucolica et Georgica Comment. s. xv. 4to.
9785. *See* "List of Additions," for 1834, p. 7.
- †9786. List of impressions taken by J. Doubleday, from Seals in the Archives of France, in 1833. *Fr.* fol.
- 9787—9804. *See* "List of Additions," for 1834, pp. 3—7.
- †9805. Index of Names to the Pedigrees in Harleian MS., 1487. Fol.

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†10,006.	<i>Carmen Turcicum</i> , auct. Fazil Beig. 4to.
†10,007.	<i>Carmina varia, Turcice</i> . 4to.
10,008—10,010.	<i>See</i> "List of Additions," for 1835, p. 9.
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15,668—18,984.	<i>See</i> "Hand-List of Addit. MSS.," 1836—1852, in which brief descriptions of these numbers are entered <i>in manuscript</i> .

VI.—THE PRINTED COLLECTIONS.

THE National Collection of Printed Books takes the *third* place in the list of European libraries, those of Paris and Munich claiming the priority in point of size.

It originated with the volumes forming the Sloane Collection, which are said to have amounted to 50,000, and with the Royal Collections, extending from the time of Henry VII to that of George II; which were removed from the Old Dormitory at Westminster to Montague House, by order of that monarch in the year 1757. The bulk of the latter Collection consisted chiefly of English divinity and history, of some Latin classics, and of many Spanish as well as Italian poets and historians. Among them were several volumes remarkable for being printed on vellum, the most valuable of which are the productions of Vérard, who printed at Paris during nearly fifty years (1480—1530), and who appears to have struck off for Henry VII, a copy on vellum of every book which he printed during the reign of that monarch. Unfortunately part of this collection was dispersed, but what is still kept together is unrivalled.

The progress of the library will be best understood, from the following brief chronological summary of the more important donations and purchases, made since its foundation in 1753.

Anno.

1759.—A Collection of Hebrew books, stated to have been “gathered and bound for King Charles II.,” chiefly ancient editions of valuable works on Jewish history, theology, and jurisprudence, in 180 volumes. *Presented by Mr. Salomon Da Costa.*

Anno.

1762.—An unique Collection of Tracts relating to, and published during, the reign of Charles I., and the Commonwealth to the Restoration (1640—1660), consisting of about 30,000 articles. *Presented by King George III.*

1766.—A Collection, rich in biography. *Bequeathed by the Rev. Dr. Birch, Rector of Siddington St. Mary.*

1768.—A fine Collection of Bibles. *Bequeathed by Arthur Onslow, Esq., Speaker of the House of Commons.*

1769.*—A Collection of Books, intended as an addition to the Cottonian Manuscripts. *Bequeathed by Major Arthur Edwards.*

1773.—A Collection of Books printed in Iceland, consisting of theological works, in 117 volumes. *Presented by Sir Joseph Banks.*

1778.—A number of Books on Music. *Presented by Sir John Hawkins.*

1780.—A Collection of English Plays, formed by Mr. Garrick. *Purchased.*

1783.—A further Collection of Books printed in Iceland. *Presented by Sir Joseph Banks.*

1786.—A very fine Collection, consisting chiefly of the works of Classical Authors, amounting to upwards of 900 volumes. *Bequeathed by Mr. Tyrwhitt.*

1790.—A fine Collection, chiefly biographical works, in about 400 volumes. *Presented by Sir W. Musgrave.*

1792.—A Collection of Italian and Portuguese Books. *Presented by Mr. Methuen.*

* The Books were bequeathed in 1738, but not transferred to the Museum until this year.

Anno.

1799.—A splendid Collection, including many rare and valuable editions of Classics as well as of Italian Authors, amounting to about 4,500 volumes. *Bequeathed by Rev. C. M. Cracherode.*

— A further Collection of Biographical Works, amounting to about 1,500 volumes. *Bequeathed by Sir W. Musgrave.*

1804.—A Collection of Bibles, belonging to Mr. Combe. *Purchased.*

1807.—A valuable increase to the Classical works and to their editions, in about 80 volumes. *Purchased.*

1813.—A highly valuable and important Collection of Law Books. *Purchased from Francis Hargrave, Esq.*

1815.—A fine Collection of Books on Music, forming the Collection of Dr. Burney, Author of the "History of Music." *Purchased.*

— A Collection of Books, comprising 20,000 volumes belonging to Baron de Moll. *Purchased at Munich.*

1818.—Several Works relating to Tournaments, Chivalry, Knighthood, &c., collected by Miss Banks. *Presented by her mother Lady Banks.*

— A fine Collection of Printed Books, forming the library of Dr. Burney, the most remarkable of which were Greek Classics, a series of Newspapers in about 700 volumes, and materials for a History of the Stage. The whole was valued at about 9,000 guineas. *Purchased by a special Parliamentary grant.*

— A fine Collection, consisting of about 4,361 articles chiefly in the Italian language, or concerning the Literature of Italy, forming the Ginguené Collection. *Purchased.*

Anno.

1820.*—A splendid Library, particularly rich in scientific Journals, Transactions of Societies, and Books on Natural History, consisting of about 16,000 volumes. *Bequeathed by Sir Joseph Banks.*

1823.—The magnificent Library, amounting to about 80,000 volumes, formed by King George III. This monarch began to collect a library in the year 1765, and laid the foundation of it by the purchase of a library of a very eminent character at Venice, belonging to Consul Smith. About the year 1767, two years afterwards, the suppression of the Jesuits' houses began; their libraries were turned out upon the world, and the King bought some of the greatest rarities in literature at the smallest price that a collector could expect.† The collection cost the King £130,000. Its scientific portions are not so rich and so complete as the theological, historical, and literary classes. This applies more particularly to works on Natural History, on pure Science, on Medicine, and on Natural Philosophy. *Presented to the Nation by His Majesty King George IV.*

— A Collection of Tracts and Documents published in Paris during the Hundred days, or the occupation of the French throne by Napoleon in 1815. This, together with three other distinct Collections of Tracts relating to the French Revolution of 1789 and following years, acquired

* This Collection was not received until the year 1827.

† Report from the Select Committee on the British Museum, 1835, vol. i. p. 35.

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at different periods, form a very large and useful mass of historical documents, amounting probably to 60,000 articles.

1825.—A remarkable Collection of Works relating to the Topography and to the local as well as general history of Italy. *Presented by Sir Richard Colt Hoare, Bart.*

1835.—A Collection of Works on Natural History, in about 300 volumes. *Bequeathed by Major-General Hardwicke.*

— A fine Collection of Works in Modern Greek, in 627 volumes. *Purchased at the sale of Lord Guilford's Library.*

1836.—A Collection of all the Works in Armenian, published by the Mechitarist monks, residing in the island of S. Lazzaro, near Venice. *Purchased.*

1847.—A Collection of Chinese Books of the late Robert Morrison, Esq., in 11,500 volumes. *Presented by the Secretary of State for the Foreign Department in 1846.*

— The Library of the Right Honourable Thomas Grenville, bequeathed in 1846, and removed to the Museum in February 1847.

The following well-merited eulogy is copied from a Report upon the contents of this Library, printed in the annual "Return," for the year 1847 :—

"With the exception of the Collection of His Majesty George the Third, the Library of the British Museum has never received an accession so important in every respect as the Collection of the Right Honourable Thomas

Grenville. It is impossible to give an idea of its magnificence within the short space allowed to a statement of the present description; to appreciate it fully, such a collection must be seen and examined at leisure, and the more it is examined, the more it will be appreciated. Formed and preserved with the exquisite taste of an accomplished bibliographer, with the learning of a profound and elegant scholar, and the splendid liberality of a gentleman in affluent circumstances, who employed in adding to his library whatever his generous heart allowed him to spare from silently relieving those whose wants he alone knew, this addition to the National Library places it in some respects above all libraries known, in others it leaves it inferior only to the Royal Library at Paris. An idea may be formed of the literary value of Mr. Grenville's Library by referring to its pecuniary value; it consists of 20,240 volumes, forming about 16,000 works, which cost upwards of £54,000, and would sell for more now.

“During his lifetime, Mr. Grenville's library was most liberally rendered accessible to any person, however humble his condition in life, who could show the least cause for asking the loan of any of his precious volumes. By bequeathing the whole to his country, Mr. Grenville has secured to literary men, even after his death, that assistance, as far as relates to the use of his books, which he so generously bestowed on them in every way during his long and dignified career;—the career of a man of high birth, distinguished for uniting to a powerful and cultivated intellect a warm and benevolent heart.”

By the acquisition of this library many deficiencies were supplied, which could have been filled up, if at all, only at a very heavy expense, and in the course of time.

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1848.—A Collection of Hebrew Works formed by the late H. J. Michael, of Hamburg. This Collection, well known and highly praised by critics, consisted, according to the printed Catalogue of 5,400 volumes, of which, after the rejection of duplicates, or of copies otherwise objectionable, 4,420 were purchased for the Museum.

The Printed Library at present consists of about 500,000 volumes, which have been acquired in three different ways, viz. by donation or bequest, by copyright, or by purchase. The average number of volumes thus annually deposited during the preceding *ten* years, exclusive of Mr. Grenville's Library, may be calculated in round numbers at about 12,000. The following "Table" taken from the Parliamentary "Returns" shows the amount of accessions during the same period.

Anno.	Number of Volumes received.	How acquired.		
		Presented.	Copyright.	Purchased.
1843	11,549	545	2,039	8,965
1844	15,501	738	2,732	12,031
1845	12,163	298	2,752	9,113
1846	31,848	387	3,054	28,407
1847	55,475	32,692	3,179	19,604
1848	22,056	1,422	3,416	17,218
1849	14,266	769	3,432	10,065
1850	16,208	837	3,575	11,793
1851	11,492	1,143	3,628	6,721
1852	16,144	1,125	5,414	9,605

From this immense repository nearly 1,400 volumes are daily delivered in the "Reading Rooms" for the use of the

public, the annual amount there consulted during the last *ten* years having been as follows :—

Anno.	Number of Volumes.	Anno.	Number of Volumes.
1843 . .	353,017	1848 . .	328,319
1844 . .	336,581	1849 . .	340,231
1845 . .	318,971	1850 . .	421,682
1846 . .	328,374	1851 . .	424,851
1847 . .	328,484	1852 . .	412,857

The rooms and galleries in which the books are deposited are twenty-five in number and very spacious, that containing the Royal Library measuring no less than 300 feet in length. They are all situated on the ground floor, and embrace the whole of the north, the greater part of the east side, and part of the south side of the building.*

No persons are admitted to study in the rooms appropriated to the Library, excepting in cases where the books asked for, are of too valuable a nature to be admitted into the “Reading Rooms.”

The CATALOGUES of the Printed Collections are *six* in number, exclusive of those of *Maps* and *Music*, and are thus entitled :—

I. “LIBRORUM IMPRESSORUM QUI IN MUSÆO BRITANNICO ADSERVANTUR CATALOGUS.” *Lond.* 1813—1819. *In seven volumes, 8vo.*

The copy of this Catalogue placed for the use of the Readers, will be found *inlaid* in that described upon the next page under number v.

The present price of this work is about £1. 10s.

* See Plan.

II. "BIBLIOTHECÆ REGIÆ CATALOGUS." *Lond.* 1820—1829. *In five volumes, folio,*

The Catalogue of the Library formed by King Geo. III.

The present price of the work is about £12.

III. "BIBLIOTHECA GRENVILLIANA, OR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES OF RARE AND CURIOUS BOOKS, FORMING PART OF THE LIBRARY OF THE RIGHT HON. THOS. GRENVILLE, BY J. T. PAYNE AND HEN. FOSS." *Lond.* 1842. Part I. *In two volumes, Octavo.*

"BIBLIOTHECA GRENVILLIANA, PART THE SECOND, COMPLETING THE CATALOGUE OF THE LIBRARY, BEQUEATHED TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM BY THE LATE RIGHT HON. THOS. GRENVILLE, BY J. T. PAYNE AND HEN. FOSS." *Lond.* 1848. *In one volume, Octavo.*

The *first* "Part" of this Catalogue was made and printed at Mr. Grenville's own expense; the *second*, by order of the Trustees after the Library had been deposited in the Museum. The copy placed for the use of the "Readers" is inlaid to a *folio* size, and forms *seven* volumes, all bound in parchment.

The present price of this Catalogue is £3. 3s.

Part II. can be purchased as directed at page 19, for the sum of £1 11s. 6d.

IV. "CATALOGUE OF PRINTED BOOKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM. VOLUME I." *Lond.* 1841. *Small Folio.*

This volume embraces letter *A* only. It contains descriptions of all the printed books *falling under that letter*, which have been received since the formation of the Library down to the close of the year 1838.

The copy of this volume placed for the use of "Readers" is *inlaid*, and bound into *sixteen* volumes *large Folio.*

v. A CATALOGUE, without title, in *eighty-two* volumes, *Folio*.

It contains an *inlaid* copy of the Catalogue described under No. i., together with entries *in manuscript*, of all printed books received into the Library between the years 1819 and 1849 inclusive.

vi. ANOTHER CATALOGUE, without title, in *three hundred* volumes, *Folio*.

This Catalogue is still in progress. It is entirely *in manuscript*, and contains descriptions of all works received since the year 1846, down to within a short period of the present time. It is also supplied with good *indexes* to the *long headings*, such as "Academies," "Bible," "England," "Ephemerides," "France," "Gt. Britain," "Ireland," "Liturgies," "Paris," "Periodical Publications," etc. etc.*

In addition to these may be mentioned—

i. A CATALOGUE OF MAPS. (See Index under "Maps.")

ii. A CATALOGUE OF MUSIC. (See Index under "Music.")

iii. A CATALOGUE OF NEWSPAPERS, *from* A.D. 1603—1840. *In two volumes, Folio. MS.*

iv. A CATALOGUE OF LONDON NEWSPAPERS. *Small Folio. MS.*

v. A CATALOGUE OF COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS. *Quarto. MS.*

vi. A CATALOGUE OF NOVELS. *Small Folio. MS.*

* There are similar *Indexes* to the interleaved Catalogue, No. v.

A list of *ninety-one* Rules has been drawn up for guidance in the formation of the new Catalogue, a copy of which will be found *in print* at the commencement of the Catalogue numbered IV., described at page 89. From it we have extracted such portions as appear likely to be of benefit to "readers" in cases of more than ordinary difficulty.

I. Works published under *initials* are entered under the last of them. * * * [Rule xxxii.]

II. * * * *Anonymous Publications* relating to any act, or to the life of a person whose name occurs on the title of a work, are catalogued under the name of such person. The same rule has been followed with respect to *Anonymous Publications*, addressed (not merely dedicated) to any individual whose name occurs on the title. [Rule xxxiii.]

III. Adjectives formed from the name of a person, party, place, or denomination, have been treated as the names from which they are formed. [Rule xxxvi.]

IV. In the case of *Anonymous Works*, to which none of the foregoing rules can be applied, the first substantive in the title (or, if there be no substantive, the first word) has been selected as the heading. A substantive adjectively used, has been taken in conjunction with its following substantive as forming one word; and the same has been done with respect to adjectives incorporated with their following substantive. The entries which occur under the same heading succeed each other in strict alphabetical order. [Rule xxxviii.]

v. *Assumed names*, or names used to designate an office, profession, party, or qualification of the writer, have been treated as real names. * * * [Rule xlii.]

vi. In any *series of Printed Works*, which embraces the collected productions of various writers upon particular subjects, the work is entered under the name of the editor. [Rule xlv.]

vii. If the *Editor's name* do not appear, the whole is entered under the collective title, in the same manner as Anonymous Works. [Rule xlvi.]

viii. General Collections of *laws, edicts, ordinances*, or other public acts of a similar description, have been entered under the name of the State or Nation in which, or by whom, they were sanctioned, signed, or promulgated. Collections extending only to one reign or period of supreme government by one person, as well as detached laws and documents separately enacted and issued, have been catalogued under the name of the person in whose name and by whose authority they are enacted or sanctioned. * * * [Rule xlvii.]

ix. The *works of translators* have been entered under the name of the original author. The same rule has been observed with respect to the works of *commentators*, if the same be accompanied with the text complete. [Rule li.]

x. The *Old and New Testament*, and their parts, have been catalogued under the general head "*Bible*." * * * [Rule lxxix.]

A good *Index* has been made to the volumes lettered "Bible," and placed upon the shelves by their side.

- XI. All *Acts, Memoirs, Transactions, Journals, Minutes, &c.*, of *Academies, Institutes, Associations, and Universities* or *Societies*, learned, scientific, or literary, by whatever names known or designated, as well as works by various hands, forming part of a series of volumes edited by any such Society, have been catalogued under the general name "Academies," and alphabetically entered, according to the English name of the county and town at which the sittings of the society are held, in the following order:—The primary division consists of the four parts of the world in alphabetical succession, Australia and Polynesia being considered as appendixes to Asia: the first subdivision consists of the various empires, kingdoms, or other independent governments into which any part of the world is divided, in alphabetical order; and a second subdivision of each State follows, according to the various cities or towns, alphabetically disposed, belonging to each State, in which any Society of this description meets. The acts, &c., of each Society, when more than one meet at the same place, have been entered according to the name under which the society published its first work, in alphabetical series; and the acts, memoirs, &c., of each society have been entered chronologically. Continuations follow the original entry. [Rule lxxx.]

A good *Index* has been made to the volumes lettered "Academies," and placed with them upon the shelves.

- XII. The same rules and arrangement have been followed for "*Periodical Publications*." Publications which are catalogued under this general head embrace *Reviews, Magazines, Newspapers, Journals, Gazettes, Annuals*, and all works of a similar nature, in whatever language and under whatever denomination they may be published. The several entries under the last subdivision have been made in alphabetical order, according to the first substantive occurring in the title. [Rule lxxxi.]

A good *Index* has been made to the volumes lettered "*Periodical Publications*," and placed upon the shelves by their side.

- XIII. All *Almanacs, Calendars, Ephemerides*, of whatever description they be, as well as their companions, appendixes, have been entered under the general head "*Ephemerides*." The several works under this head have been entered alphabetically according to the *first substantive* occurring in the title. [Rule lxxxii.]

A good *Index* has been made to the volume lettered "*Ephemerides*," and placed as above.

- XIV. There are *cross references* from the name of every *author, editor, or contributor*, to any of the above works, appearing in any title-page of any of the volumes, as well as from the peculiar name or designation of any of the Societies, from the place at which they hold their meetings, from any place forming part of the peculiar name of a journal, almanac, calendar, &c., from the name under which such publications are generally known, to the main entries of such works. [Rule lxxxiii.]

- XV. *Anonymous Catalogues*, whether bearing the title "Catalogue," or any other intended to convey the same meaning, have been entered under the head "*Catalogues.*" * * * [Rule lxxxv.]
- XVI. *Anonymous Dictionaries* of any description, including Lexicons and Vocabularies, have been catalogued under the general head *Dictionaries*, and entered in strict alphabetical order, according to the first substantive in the title, with cross-references from the author's name, when supplied. [Rule lxxxviii.]
- XVII. The same rule has been applied to *Encyclopædias*, the name of the editor of which does not appear on the title, and which have been catalogued under the general head "*Encyclopædias,*" with a cross reference from the editor's name, when supplied in the principal entry, to such entry. [Rule lxxxix.]
- XVIII. *Missals, Breviaries, Offices, Horæ, Prayer-Books, Liturgies*, and works of the same description (not compiled by private individuals), have been entered under the general head "*Liturgies.*" * * * [Rule xc.]

We have thus presented the "Reader" with a brief history of the Museum and its Library, together with a description of the "Reading Rooms," the "Rules and Regulations" there in force, and of the Catalogues placed upon the shelves for his especial use and assistance. But little mention has, however, been made in the foregoing pages, of the *contents* of the various *Manuscript* Collections, so that the student is at present only aware that such and such Catalogues exist, without knowing to which his researches should in

particular cases be directed, with the least expenditure of time, and with the greatest possible chance of success. To render him a *real* service in this matter, a *classed Catalogue* of the whole Collection would be necessary, an undertaking, independent of the difficulties with which it is accompanied, of too bulky a nature for the present work. We have therefore in the following pages endeavoured to *classify* some of the more important Collections, leaving the *single* and scattered volumes, to be sought out by the industrious student in the indexes.

VII.—*CLASSED LIST OF THE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS.*

ALTHOUGH it is universally admitted that *classed Catalogues* are of the highest importance to students, but few attempts have yet been made in Public Libraries to supply this, the readiest of all methods, for economising the valuable time of literary men. Days, and sometimes weeks, are fruitlessly spent in the pursuit of information, which a well-arranged Catalogue of this description would oftentimes readily supply.

With this in view, we have endeavoured to form a "Classed List," of some of the LARGER AND MORE IMPORTANT Manuscript Collections, by the aid of which, students of almost every denomination may at once find the Catalogues, most likely to furnish the information for which they seek.

The "List" is divided into two parts. In the *first*, which is drawn up by languages, references to a few of the rarer European, and to the principal of the Oriental Manuscripts, have been, with some labour, brought together.

The following is a list of the languages in the order in which they occur:—

European.	Oriental.
1. Anglo-Saxon.	10. Hindustani.
2. Welsh.	11. Javanese.
3. Irish.	12. Malay.
4. Icelandic.	13. Malayálma.
5. Greek.	14. Pali.
	15. Persian.
Oriental.	16. Sanscrit.
1. Æthiopic.	17. Siamese.
2. Arabic.	18. Syriac.
3. Armenian.	19. Tamul.
4. Bugis.	20. Telugu.
5. Burmese.	21. Turkish.
6. Chinese.	—
7. Cingalese.	Papyri.
8. Coptic.	
9. Hebrew.	

The *Second* Part is divided into four great sections, or sub-divisions, *viz.* "THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY, HISTORY, and LITERATURE, under which classes references are given to the *Indexes* of the various printed Catalogues described in the preceding pages, to which the student must turn for the numbers of the Manuscripts required.

CLASSED LIST—PART I.

1.—*Anglo-Saxon Manuscripts.*

The finest Collection of Anglo-Saxon Manuscripts known, is that preserved in the National Library. It consists of about 200 volumes and sixty-five charters, nearly the whole of which were acquired with the Cottonian Library. There is no *separate* Catalogue of the collection. A very full and learned description of the volumes in the

Cottonian and Royal Collections, was drawn up by Mr. Humphrey Wanley, Lord Harley's Librarian, previous to their becoming the property of the nation. It bears for its title, "*Catalogus codicum Manuscriptorum Anglo-Saxonicorum Bibliothecæ Cottonianæ quæ est Westmonasterii*," and forms an appendix to Hickes' "*Linguarum veterum Septentrionalium Thesaurus, etc.*" *Oxon*, 1705. *Vol. ii. pp. 176—265.*

In the following "list," which has been compiled from the various Catalogues, to facilitate the student's researches, reference is made to the pages of the latter work, where the descriptions occur. It must be observed that no reference is here given to Manuscripts *in other languages, written in the Anglo-Saxon character.*

"Sloane" Catalogue, *pp. 249, 251, 709.*

"Harleian" — *vol. i. pp. 2, 14, 16, 34, 311, 313, 349, 351, 354, 362.*

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— — — *iii. pp. 13, 16, 21, 27, 120, 347.*

—*(*Charters*) "*Chart. Cat.*" *vol. i. Nos. 43, C. 1—9.*

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* The Charters of the Anglo-Saxon period [A.D. 604—1066], in this and other Collections, have been printed by J. M. Kemble, Esq. M.A., in his '*Codex Diplomaticus Ævi Saxonici.*'—*Lond.* 1839, &c. Vols. i—vi. 8vo.

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2.—Welsh Manuscripts.

Previous to 1844, the Museum possessed but few Manuscripts of any importance written in the *Welsh* language. In that year, however, two very fine Collections were deposited in the Manuscript Department, at the request of the Governors of the Welsh School, and of the Royal Cymmrodorion Society. The volumes in these Collections amounted in all to *two hundred and twenty-four*, consisting chiefly of poetry, and included an important copy of the Laws of Hywel Dha, on vellum, written at the commencement of the xiiith century. At the same time an important volume was received, entitled "A Descriptive Catalogue of all the Welsh Manuscripts and Documents relating to the Principality of Wales, preserved in the different libraries of the British Museum; formed agree-

ably to instructions from the Royal Cymmrodorion Society, by James Logan, F.S.A., of Scotland, 1833, 1834, with a General Table of the MSS. prefixed, and an Index of Persons, Places, and matters, added at the end." It will be found most useful by the student in Welsh history. The number is, *Add. MS.* 15,088. The Welsh Manuscripts, *i. e.*, those written in the *Welsh language* will be found described in the Catalogues of the various Collections, as follows:—

"Sloane" Catalogue, *p.* 1.

"Cottonian" — *pp.* 43, 190, 425, 564, 566, 572, 577, 578.

"Harleian" — vol. ii. *pp.* 163, 228.

"List of Additions," for 1843, *p.* 33; 1844, *pp.* 16—85; 1845, *p.* 25.

3.—*Irish Manuscripts.*

The Royal Irish Academy, at Dublin, possesses the finest Collection of *Irish Manuscripts* known, which amounts to about 600 volumes. That preserved in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin, follows next in order, and numbers about 250 volumes. The British Museum takes the *third* place, the number of volumes being about 170, the greater part of which were purchased in the year 1832, from James Hardiman, Esq., author of the "*History of Galway*," and other works. The other Collections of *Irish Manuscripts* most worthy of notice are those in the Bodleian Library, Oxford; in the College of St. Isidore, in Rome; and in the Burgundian Library, in Brussels; numbering respectively 15, 26, and 30 volumes.

The Museum Collection is composed of ancient and modern manuscripts, chiefly relating to the history and literature of Ireland. The greater part of the manuscripts

are transcripts made in the xviith. and xviiiith. centuries; there are a few, however, worthy of notice for their antiquity, viz., a manuscript of the xiith. century, containing the Brehon Laws; the Leabhar Breae, or Speckled Book of M'Egan, also of the xiith. century; the Life of St. Patrick, and various tracts of the xiiiith. xivth. and xvth. centuries. An excellent Catalogue of these Manuscripts was made in the year 1849, by Eugene Curry, Esq., a distinguished Irish scholar, whose services were secured by the Trustees for that purpose. It is *in manuscript*, in *one volume folio*, and is entitled,

“CATALOGUE OF THE IRISH MANUSCRIPTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, COMPILED BY EUGENE CURRY, ESQ., 1849.”

This Catalogue can be seen, upon application to an attendant in the Reading Room.

Other descriptions of the Collection will be found in the various Catalogues, as under:—

“Sloane” Catalogue, *pp.* 21, 310, 839, 889.

“Cottonian” — *pp.* 203, 478, 515.

“Harleian” — *vol.* i. *pp.* 256, 348.

— — — ii. *pp.* 229, 664.

— — — iii. *p.* 258.

“Arundel” — *pp.* 92, 98.

“List of Additions,” for 1832, *pp.* 11—22.

— 1838, *p.* 26.

— 1841, *p.* 7.

— 1845, *pp.* 2, 28.

“Hand-List of Additional MSS.” *Nos.* 18,205, 18,426, 18,745,—18,749, 18,945—18,954.

4.—*Icelandic Manuscripts.*

The Museum possesses about 273 Manuscripts in the *Icelandic* language, the whole of which, with the exception of two volumes, are in the Sloane and Additional Collections. The earliest Collection deposited consisted of about thirty volumes, which were presented by Sir Joseph Banks shortly after the foundation of the Museum, and are described in the Catalogue of the Sloane Library. About the same period, forty volumes were purchased from Professor Thorkelin, and a fine Collection of nearly 200 volumes from Professor Finn Magnuson, in the year 1837. Descriptions of these Manuscripts will be found in the Catalogues, as follows:—

“Sloane” Catalogue, *pp.* 11, 890—895.

“Manuscript” — *vol.* ii., *Nos.* 5174—5208.

— — — 5311—5318.

— — — ix. . 6121.

“List of Additions,” for 1836, *pp.* 32, 40.

— — — 1837, *pp.* 27—44.

— — — 1838, *p.* 25.

5.—*Greek Manuscripts.*

The Library is enriched with no less than 616 volumes, written in the *Greek* language, chiefly upon vellum, some of which are of the highest antiquity. When their great scarcity, and the consequent difficulty of obtaining Manuscripts in this language, is taken into consideration, the present Collection will not appear by any means insig-

nificant or unimportant. The distribution of the manuscripts among the different Collections is as follows :—

Collection.	Number of Manuscripts.	Collection.	Number of Manuscripts.
Royal	53	Arundel	36
Harleian	248	Burney	88
Cottonian	3	Egerton	4
King's	2	Additional	182

As there is not at present any *separate* Catalogue of these Manuscripts, we regret that the limits assigned to our Hand-Book, will not admit of our assisting the student to the description of *each* Manuscript in this large Collection. The following "table" will, however, serve as a guide to the pages of the Catalogues where the *greater portion* of the Manuscripts are described.

"Royal" Catalogue, *pp.* 251—257.

"Cottonian" — *pp.* 365, 441, 562.

"Harleian" — *vol. iii., betw. pp.* 274—297, 354—357.

"King's" — *Nos.* 16, 17.

"Arundel" — *pp.* 148—168.

"Burney" — *pp.* 2—48, 71, 92, 141, 150, 151, 158.

"Manuscript" — *vol. i., betw. Nos.* 5107—5119.

"List of Additions," for 1831, *pp.* 5, 6.

— — 1834, *p.* 8.

— — 1840, *p.* 20.

— — 1841, *pp.* 10—16.

— — 1842, *p.* 105.

— — 1844, *pp.* 3, 4.

"Hand-List of Additional MSS.," *betw. Nos.* 17,469—17,475.

Oriental Languages.

The Collection of Manuscripts written in the Oriental languages, is very fine and valuable, amounting in all to above 4000 volumes, which probably contain upwards of 6000 separate Manuscripts. Previous to 1825, the Museum possessed no more than 600 volumes, but in that year the fine Library formed by Claudius J. Rich, Esq., the Resident for several years of the East India Company, at the Court of the Pasha of Bagdad, was purchased by the Trustees, with the authority of Parliament, from that gentleman's representatives. The volumes in this Collection amounted to about 800 in number, and were exclusively *Syriac*, *Arabic*, *Persian*, or *Turkish*, with the exception of three Greek MSS., two in the Armenian language, and a roll of the Book of Esther in Hebrew. Since that period, large and very valuable additions have been yearly made to the Collection, both by purchase and donation, until it has reached the number of volumes above stated.

Among the *donations* and *bequests* may be particularly mentioned, a fine Collection of 136 volumes, bequeathed by John Fowler Hull, Esq., in the year 1825; and a miscellaneous Collection, in 145 volumes, *chiefly Oriental*, presented by Mrs. M. B. Williamson, in the year 1829. In 1846, by the munificence of the Directors of the Church Missionary Society, the Oriental Collection received a valuable addition, in seventy-four volumes, written in the *Æthiopic* language. In the same year, a considerable

Collection of *Chinese* Manuscripts and Maps, amounting in all to eighty-five volumes, were presented to the Trustees by the Earl of Aberdeen, at that time Secretary of State. But by far the most important *donation*, was that made by the sons of Major-General Yule, in the year 1847, from whom 245 volumes were received, chiefly written in the *Persian* language. A further donation of twenty-three volumes was received from the same gentlemen, towards the close of the year 1850.

Among the *purchases* may be enumerated, a fine Collection of 236 volumes, written chiefly in the *Arabic* language, obtained in the year 1833, from O. Rich, Esq. Likewise a very important Collection of *Syriac* Manuscripts, in forty-nine volumes, brought from the Monastery of the Syrians, dedicated to St. Mary Deipara, about seventy miles north-west of Cairo, by the Rev. Henry Tattam, from whom they were purchased in the year 1841. Again in 1843, a still finer Collection of Manuscripts, in the *Syrian* language, amounting to 317 volumes, were obtained by the same gentleman from the above-mentioned monastery.

In the year 1847, a further addition was made to this branch of Oriental literature, by the purchase of 173 volumes, brought from the same, apparently inexhaustible mine, by M. A. Pacho. Lastly, in the same year, the *Arabic* Collection, was further increased, by the purchase of 53 volumes, from Dr. T. H. Sternschuss, including several very valuable historical works.

The following "Table," which has been compiled with as great accuracy as the Catalogues will admit of, includes

the larger and more important Collections only, and will serve to show their distribution in the Library.

LANGUAGES.	COLLECTION.										Total in each language.
	Sloane.	Harleian.	Cottonian.	Royal.	*Arundel.	Burney.	King's.	Lansdowne.	Egerton.	Additional.	
Æthiopic . .	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	81	83
Arabic . . .	45	53	9	7	43	—	—	1	1	901	1060
Armenian . .	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	18	30
Burmese . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	59	64
Bugis . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	23
Carshunic . .	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	12	18
Chinese . . .	12	21	1	5	—	—	—	5	12	132	188
Cingalese . .	5	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	5	9	22
Coptic . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12
Hebrew . . .	9	93	1	7	6	—	1	1	3	111	232
Hindustani . .	4	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	33	41
Javanese . .	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	80	83
Malay . . .	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	24	33
Malayálma . .	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	20
Pali . . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	38	43
Persian . . .	29	23	3	13	1	—	—	4	71	938	1082
Sanscrit . . .	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	116	122
Siamese . . .	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	15	18
Syriac . . .	2	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	4	620	631
Tamul . . .	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	20
Telugu . . .	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	15
Turkish . . .	32	36	—	3	3	—	—	3	—	191	268

* The Oriental Manuscripts in the Arundel Collection will be found described in the *List of Additions* for 1835, pp. 11—14.

After this slight survey of the general Collection, we will proceed to present a brief account of each of the more important divisions, in alphabetical order, pointing out the various "Catalogues" and "Lists" in which descriptions of the Manuscripts will be found, and endeavouring—as far as the limits of our little work will permit—to notify the *pages* in which the *principal descriptions occur*. This has more especially been done where the Collections are small, and no collective Catalogue of descriptions exists.

1.—*Æthiopic Manuscripts.*

But few Collections of Manuscripts written in the *Æthiopic*, or ancient language of Abyssinia, are known to be in existence; that preserved in our National Library being by far the finest. Until the year 1846, the Museum, possessed but *nine* examples, two of which were acquired with the Harleian Collection. In that year, however, *seventy-four* highly important volumes were presented to the Trustees by the Church Missionary Society, and the valuable services of Dr. Dilman were immediately obtained, for the construction of a Catalogue of the entire Collection acquired up to that period. This task was performed in such a manner as to leave nothing to be desired, and the volume thus made, now forms *Part III.* of the *Catalogue of Oriental Manuscripts*, under the following title,

"CATALOGUS CODICUM ORIENTALIU, PARS III. CODICES ÆTHIOPICOS AMPECTENS."—1847.

Each Manuscript is described *at length*, and a good Index is added at the end of the volume. The price of the volume is 10s. (*See ante*, page 18.)

2.—*Arabic Manuscripts.*

The Collection of Manuscripts written in the *Arabic* language is very rich and varied, and amounts, at the present time, to about 1060 volumes.

Previous to 1825, the Collection was by no means large or important, scarcely amounting to 150 volumes; but in that year, the purchase of the very valuable library formed by Claudius J. Rich, Esq., as mentioned at page 54, furnished an addition of nearly 390 volumes, and offered a selection of some of the most valuable books in every branch of the voluminous literature of that language.

In addition to the brief descriptions to be found in the "Lists" of the several Collections in which the Manuscripts occur, some very excellent Catalogues have been from time to time compiled, in which detailed and learned descriptions are given, and to these we will now proceed to call the student's attention.

I. "CATALOGUS CODICUM ARABICORUM QUI IN BIBLIOTHECA RICHIANA EXSTANT, ETC., ETC., CONFECIT, J. FORSHALL.—1836." *Two volumes Folio, in Manuscript.*

These volumes contain brief descriptions of the Arabic Manuscripts, in the *Rich Collection only*, extending from *Add. MSS.* 7213—7599. Other descriptions, in a *classified* form, will be found in a work entitled "*Mines de l'Orient*," vol. iii., *pp.* 122 328; and vol. iv., *pp.* 289, 292, 297, and 455.

II. "CATALOGUS CODICUM MANUSCRIPTORUM ORIENTALIU QUI IN MUSEO BRITANNICO ASSERVANTUR

(PARS SECUNDA CODD. ARABICOS AMPLECTENS.) *Lond.*
1846 and 1852. *Two volumes Folio.*

To prevent mistakes, it will be necessary to observe, that Part II. of the *Oriental Catalogue* is itself divided into *two parts*, the first of which was published in 1846, and the second in 1852. Each part can be purchased for the sum of 14s. (See *ante*, page 18.) A *third* part is now in progress, which will complete the description of the Collection. The Manuscripts have been described in a *classified* form as follows,

CODICES CHRISTIANI.

		Page.
Testamentum Vetus,	Part II. pt. i.	1.
Novum Testamentum,	— —	10.
Concilia,	— —	21.
Liturgici,	— —	24.
Patres et Theologici,	— —	26.
Historici,	— —	48.
Poetici,	— —	50.
Miscellanei,	— —	51.

CODICES MUHAMMADANI.

Coranus atque ejus Interpretes, .	Part II. pt. i.	53.
Libri Devotionis, Theologici, Traditiones, —	—	75.
Jus canonicum, et civile,	— —	116.
Historici,	— —	142.
Geographici et Cosmographici, . .	Part II. pt. ii.	181.
Mathematici,	— —	186.
Chronologicus,	— —	202.

		Page.
Philosophici, Scriptores Hist. Nat. Part II. pt. ii.		
et Medici,	— —	203.
Lexicographici, Grammatici et Philo-		
logici,	— —	227.
Poetici,	— —	257.
Narrationes Fictæ,	— —	317.
Miscellanei,	— —	331.

3.—*Armenian Manuscripts.*

Manuscripts written in this language are very scarce; the largest Collections known, being those deposited in the Monastery of San Lazzaro, near Venice, and in the Imperial Libraries of Paris and Vienna. In our own they are few in number, amounting in all to no more than *thirty* volumes. The descriptions will be found in the several Catalogues as follows,

- “Sloane” Catalogue, *p.* 901.
- “Harleian” — vol. iii., *pp.* 270, 277, 500.
- “Lansdowne” — vol. ii., *p.* 270.
- “List of Additions,” for 1832, *p.* 4; 1838, *p.* 29;
1840, *p.* 8; 1841, *p.* 12; 1845, *p.* 3.
- “Hand-List of Addit. MSS.,” *Nos.* 16,276; 16,408;
17,036; 17,491; 18,549; 18,603; 18,611;
18,956.

4.—*Bugis Manuscripts.*

The language so called, is spoken by part of the inhabitants of the Island of Celebes, from whence the fine Collection, now in the Museum, was obtained by John Crawford, Esq., author of the “History of the Indian

Archipelago." The volumes—*twenty-three* in number—are all in the *Additional* Collection, and marked, *Add. MSS.* 12,346—12,374. Their descriptions will be found in the "List of Additions" for 1842, *pp.* 9, 10.

5.—*Burmese Manuscripts.*

Manuscripts written in this language are so scarce, that the Museum Collection, amounting to about *sixty-four* specimens, may be considered as a very excellent one. The other Collections most worthy of note are deposited at Paris, and in the Library of the Royal Asiatic Society, in London, the latter possessing by far the finest known.

The student will find descriptions in the Catalogues as follows,

"Manuscript" Catalogue, vol. xv. *Nos.* 6777, 6778.

"List of Additions," for 1836, *p.* 2 : 1842, *pp.* 2, 3 ;
1845, *p.* 71.

"Hand-List of Additional MSS." *Nos.* 18,753—
18,755.

6.—*Chinese Manuscripts.*

The increased intimacy of our relations with China, has, of late years, greatly tended to the enrichment of the library in this branch of Oriental literature. The *Manuscript* Collection amounts to about 190 volumes, about one half of which were deposited in the Museum in the year 1846, by order of the Right Honourable the Earl of Aberdeen, when Secretary of State. The *Printed* books in this language amounted in that year to 11,509 volumes, including those collected by the late Robert Morrison, Esq., which were also presented by the above named

nobleman. Of the Continental Collections, those at Berlin, Munich, Paris, Vienna, and St. Petersburg, deserve more particularly to be mentioned. Descriptions of the *greater part* of the *Manuscripts*, will be found in the Catalogues at the pages indicated below.

- "Sloane" Catalogue, *p.* 903.
- "Cottonian" — *p.* 565.
- "Royal" — *pp.* 247, 248.
- "Harleian" — vol. i. *pp.* 204; vol. iii. *pp.* 14, 23, 26, 28, 309, 500, 525, 540.
- "Lansdowne" — vol. ii. *pp.* 187—303.
- "Manuscript" — vol. ix. *Nos.* 6652—6655.
- "List of Additions" for 1840, *p.* 6.
- — — 1844, *p.* 153.
- "Hand-List of Addit. MSS." *Nos.* 16,281—16,365; 16,594—16,602.

7.—*Cingalese Manuscripts.*

The largest Collections of Cingalese Manuscripts known, are those deposited in the Libraries of Paris and Copenhagen. The National Collection, which numbers about *twenty-two* specimens, is considered a very fair one. The descriptions of their contents, as far as it has been at present possible to ascertain them, will be found in the Catalogues as indicated below.

- "Sloane" Catalogue, *p.* 905.
- "Royal" — *pp.* 246—248.
- "List of Additions" for 1839, *pp.* 3, 6, 17; 1842, *p.* 22.
- — — 1845, *p.* 71.
- "Hand-List of Addit. MSS." *Nos.* 17,678; 17,679; 17,734—17,736.

8.—*Coptic Manuscripts.*

The *Coptic* is the ancient language of Egypt, written in Greek letters. Since the xviiith. century, not a single person amongst the Christians of that country has been found capable of writing in Coptic, or of understanding the Coptic language.

The remnant of the people called Copts, amounting to little more than 10,000 souls, now inhabits a tract of land situated above the second cataract, on the western bank of the river Nile.

The Museum possesses *twelve* volumes written in this language, all of which occur among the "Additional" Manuscripts. Their descriptions will be found in the Catalogues as under.

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| "Manuscript" Catalogue, vol. i. | Nos. 5027, G. and 5114. |
| — — — — — iii. | 5995 — 5998. |
| "List of Additions," for 1838, | p. 17. |
| — — — — — | 1839, p. 9. |
| — — — — — | 1840, p. 7. |
| — — — — — | 1843, p. 90. |
| — — — — — | 1844, p. 3. |
| "Hand-List of Additional MSS." | No. 17,725. |

9.—*Hebrew Manuscripts.*

The finest Collection of *Hebrew* literature known, is that preserved in the Bodleian Library, at Oxford; the next, is probably that in the Imperial Library at Vienna. In our National Library, the *Manuscripts* written in this language amount to about 232 volumes, nearly the whole of which will be found in the Harleian and Additional

Collections. Previous to the year 1838, the *Printed* Collection was lamentably deficient and small, but since that period this branch of Eastern literature has been so increased, that it now bids fair to become in a few years the finest in the world. A most remarkable addition was made to the Library in the year 1848, by the purchase of 4420 volumes, selected from the Collection of Hebrew works, formed by the late H. J. Michael, of Hamburg.

At present, no *separate* Catalogue of the *Manuscripts* exists; the descriptions must therefore be sought for in those belonging to the various Collections. We are prevented, by the limited nature of our work, and the size of the Collection, from specifying the pages in which each single Manuscript is described; as much, however, as possible has been done to assist the researches of the student, in the following table.

“Sloane” Catalogue, *p.* 895.

“Harleian” — vol. i. *pp.* 16, 44, 101, 103, 203, 597.

— — — iii. *pp.* 254, 260, 269, 272—274, 278, 279; also between *pp.* 287—297, 540.

— — — iv. *p.* 203.

“Royal” — *p.* 245.

“King’s” — No. 1.

“List of Additions,” for 1834, *p.* 4.

— — — 1835, *pp.* 11—14.

— — — 1836, *p.* 42.

— — — 1840, *p.* 21.

— — — 1841, *p.* 9.

— — — 1844, *pp.* 1, 2, 119, also between 122—124.

— — — 1845, *pp.* 2, 4, 6, 7.

“Hand-List of Addit. MSS.” Nos. 16,388—16,391;
16,406; 16,407; 16,915; 16,916; 17,049—17,058;
18,226—18,230; 18,684—18,693; 18,828—18,832.

10.—*Hindustani Manuscripts.*

The Collection of Manuscripts in this language is not very extensive, amounting to *forty-one* volumes only, a number inferior to that at Paris, and in the Library of the Royal Asiatic Society of London; the latter of which has been justly considered the finest in the world. The greater part of the volumes will be found among the “Additional” Manuscripts, as the following “table” will show;

“Royal” Catalogue, pp. 246, 247.
“Manuscript” — vol. iv. Nos. 5620; 5656.
— — — xi. 6624; 6628; 6637.
— — — xxiii. 7044; 7045.
“List of Additions,” for 1832, p. 7.
— — — 1836, p. 40.
— — — 1843, pp. 34, 49, 103.
— — — 1845, p. 13.
“Hand-List of Addit. MSS.” Nos. 17,424; 17,948;
17,963; 17,966; 18,423; 18,889—18,897.

11.—*Javanese Manuscripts.*

The *Javanese* language is spoken in the Island of Java, and is closely allied to the Malay. Manuscripts in this language are very scarce; the best Collections are at Leyden, and in the Library of the Royal Asiatic Society of London. In this department of Oriental literature the Museum possesses a good Collection, amounting in all to

specimens, and has been considered a very fair one. Of the latter, *four* were acquired with the Sloane Library, the remainder—greater part of which were presented by T. H. Baber, Esq., in the year 1829, are numbered among the “Additional” Manuscripts. The student will find them described in the Catalogues as follows:

“Sloane” Catalogue, *pp.* 902, 906.

“List of Additions,” for 1829, *p.* 17.

— — — 1843, *p.* 59.

“Hand-List of Additional MSS.” *No.* 17,546.

14.—*Pali Manuscripts.*

The *Pali* is the sacred language of the Buddhists, used in the Island of Ceylon, and in all the countries beyond the Ganges. The largest Collection in Europe is that at Copenhagen; there are also fine Collections at Paris, and in the Library of the Royal Asiatic Society at London. Our National Collection is a very good one, being composed of *forty-three* specimens, some of which are written upon plates of ivory and silver. The descriptions are given in the Catalogues, at the pages enumerated below.

“Sloane” Catalogue, *p.* 906.

“List of Additions,” for 1836, *pp.* 2—3.

— — — 1838, *pp.* 3, 11, 16, 17.

— — — 1841, *p.* 33.

— — — 1842, *p.* 2.

— — — 1844, *pp.* 118, 120, 123.

— — — 1845, *p.* 71.

“Hand-List of Additional MSS.” *Nos.* 17,490; 17,555; 17,944; 18,755; 18,756.

15.—*Persian Manuscripts.*

The National Collection of Manuscripts written in the *Persian* language is very fine and valuable, and far exceeds the other Oriental Collections, in number and importance.

Until the year 1825, the Museum possessed no more than 100 volumes, which were nearly equally divided between the various Collections. In that year, however, the fine Library of Oriental literature, formed by Claudius J. Rich, Esq., whilst Consul at Bagdad, was purchased by the Trustees, thus enriching the Collections by the addition of 802 volumes. Of these, 229 were written in the *Persian* language. In the same year, they were further increased by the bequest of John Fowler Hull, Esq., and again, in the year 1829, by that of Mrs. M. B. Williamson. In 1847, a still further, and very important addition was made, of upwards of 200 volumes, forming part of a donation by the sons of Major General Yule. Since that period the Collection has been considerably increased, both in size and value, by purchases and donations, until it now forms a library of 1100 volumes, of all classes of literature.

As yet no *separate* Catalogue of this Collection has been published; we learn, however, from the annual "Return" for the year 1849, that the services of Dr. Duncan Forbes, of King's College, London, a gentleman eminently distinguished for his high Oriental attainments, have been secured by the Trustees; and that to him has been confided the task of preparing a detailed Catalogue, which is now rapidly advancing to its completion. For the present, therefore, the student will content himself

with the Catalogues and brief descriptions as indicated below.

“CATALOGUS CODICUM PERSICORUM QUI IN BIBLIOTHECA RICHIANA EXSTANT.”—1848. *Folio*.

This is a *written* Catalogue, and includes those Manuscripts only which were purchased of Mr. Rich in 1825. (See *ante*, page 54). The numbers described are from *Add. MSS.* 7600 to 7829 inclusive. Other descriptions of the same Manuscripts, in a *classified* form, will be found in a work entitled, “*Les Mines de l’Orient*,” as follows :

	Page
Historical	v. iii. 329.
Poetical	— 115.
Religious Writers	v. iv. 288.
Lexicographical, &c.	— 291.
Philosophical, Medical, &c.	— 294.
Miscellaneous	— 298.
Tales, Fables, &c.	— 456.

Other descriptions occur as follows :

“Sloane” Catalogue, *pp.* 898, 906.
 “Harleian” — vol. i. *pp.* 34, 203, 204, 236, 330.
 — — — iii. *pp.* 14, 269, 270, 271, 500.
 “Cottonian” — *p.* 576.
 “Royal” — *pp.* 245—248.
 “Lansdowne” — *p.* 270.

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“List of Additions” for 1829	3, 4.
— — 1832	6.
— — 1834	9.
— — 1836	40.

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"List of Additions," for 1838			28—29.
— — 1843			100—102.
— — 1844			153—154.
— — 1845			70.
			Number
"Hand-List of Addit. MSS.," . . .			16,667—16,878.
— — . . .			17,924—17,935.
— — . . .			17,946—17,967.
— — . . .			18,401—18,422.
— — . . .			18,538—18,546.
— — . . .			18,678—18,680.
— — . . .			18,800—18,808.
— — . . .			18,870—18,884.

16.—*Sanscrit Manuscripts.*

The *Sanscrit*, or ancient language of India, is very fairly represented in the National Library, by a Collection of about 120 volumes. By far the finest Collection in Europe, is that in the library of the East India Company; and others, well worthy of notice, are deposited at Berlin, Paris, and Oxford.

Descriptions of nearly the whole of the above-mentioned volumes, will be found in the Catalogues, at the pages indicated below.

			Number
"Sloane" Catalogue, p. 904.			
"Manuscript" — vol. ii.			5346—5357.
— — — iv.			5569—5589.
— — — xi.			6647—6651.
— — — xxiii.			7006—7021.
"List of Additions" for 1832, pp. 2, 3.			
— — 1842, pp. 1, 2.			

17.—*Siamese Manuscripts.*

But few examples of Manuscripts written in the *Siamese* language are known. The National Collection, which amounts to *eighteen* specimens, may therefore be deemed a fine one. The student will find their descriptions in the several Catalogues as follows :

“Sloane” Catalogue, *p.* 904.

“Royal” — *pp.* 246, 248.

“List of Additions” for 1839, *pp.* 3, 8.

— — 1841, *p.* 52.

— — 1842, *pp.* 3, 4.

— — 1844, *p.* 129.

18.—*Syriac Manuscripts.*

The Collection of *Syriac* Manuscripts in the British Museum, is the largest, and most valuable in the world, amounting in number to upwards of *six hundred volumes*. Previous to the acquisition of the *Rich* Collection, in the year 1825, (see *ante*, page 54), it possessed but few of any value; the purchase however of this valuable library, at that time reputed to be the best of the kind ever brought to this country, greatly increased the importance of that department of Oriental literature, and added sixty-five important Manuscripts in this language, to the previous somewhat slender Collection.

In the year 1841, a much finer Collection, consisting of 129 volumes, was purchased from the Rev. Hen. Tattam, who had obtained them from the Syrian Monastery of St. Mary Deipara, in the Desert of Nitria; and again in the year 1843, another Collection, of a still larger and more valuable description, was procured by the same

gentleman from the Monastery before mentioned. Finally, in 1847, a large and important accession, amounting in all to 173 volumes, was received from the same monastery, through the agency of M. A. Pacho.

No *separate* Catalogue of the Syriac Manuscripts has, as yet, been published. A very excellent Catalogue of all the Manuscripts in this language, acquired *previous* to the year 1838, was printed in that year, and forms *Part I.* of the *Catalogue of Oriental MSS.*, under the following title,

“CATALOGUS CODICUM ORIENTALIU, PARS I. CODICES SYRIACOS ET CARSHUNICOS AMPECTENS.”—1838.

In it, are included descriptions of the Manuscripts obtained with the *Rich* library, and the *Additional MSS.* as far as number 10,967.

The “Part” can be purchased for the sum of 12s. (See *ante*, page 18).

As we have elsewhere observed, the limited nature of this work will not admit of our assisting the student to the pages of the Catalogues where *each* volume is described, more especially in cases like the present, where the Collection is very large; we have, however, endeavoured to lighten his labours as much as possible, by pointing out the whereabouts of the most important Additions, since the above-mentioned Catalogue was made.

Nearly the whole of the volumes acquired since that period will be found described, as under :

“List of Additions” for 1841, *pp.* 44—49.

— — 1843, *pp.* 68—90.

“Hand-List of Additional MSS.” *Nos.* 17,102—17,274.

— — — 18,714—18,716.

— — — 18,812—18,821.

19.—*Tamul Manuscripts.*

The *Tamul* language is spoken by the inhabitants of the country south of Madras, as far as Cape Comoreen. Manuscripts in this language are very scarce. The finest Collection known, is that in the Library of the East India Company; there are also a few Manuscripts at Copenhagen, and but *seven* in the Royal Library at St. Petersburg. The British Museum possesses *twenty* specimens, the greater part in the Sloane Collection, which will be found described in the Catalogues as follows :

“Sloane” Catalogue, *pp.* 904—906.

“Manuscript” — vol. xv. *No.* 6780.

“Hand-List of Additional MSS.” — 17,710.

20.—*Telugu Manuscripts.*

This language is spoken by the inhabitants of the north and west coasts of Madras, and in the interior. Manuscript Collections are very scarce; by far the greatest is that in the Library of the East India Company. The National Collection is a very good one, numbering about *fifteen* specimens, which will be found described as follows :

“Sloane” Catalogue, *p.* 906.

“Harleian” — vol. i. *pp.* 60—62.

“Manuscript” — — iv. *No.* 5579.

— — — xi. — 6657.

“List of Additions” for 1841, *p.* 33.

— — — 1843, *p.* 60.

21.—*Turkish Manuscripts.*

The Collection of *Turkish* Manuscripts in the British Museum is a very fine one, amounting to nearly 270 volumes. There are other and good Collections in the libraries of Paris, Vienna, and St. Petersburg. With the exception of the Additional MSS., by far the greater number were acquired with the Sloane and Harleian libraries. In the year 1825, 110 volumes were added by the purchase of the valuable Collection formed by Claud. J. Rich, Esq., when Consul at Bagdad, (see *ante*, page 54). A good Catalogue of this portion of the Collection is placed in the Reading Room, and bears for its title,

“CATALOGUS CODICUM, QUI TURCICE AUT JAGHATAICE CONSCRIPTI IN BIBLIOTHECA RICHIANA EXSTANT.”—1849.

This Catalogue is in *manuscript*, and includes descriptions of those volumes only which were purchased from Mr. Rich, in 1825. The numbers are, *Add. MSS.* 7830—7939. Other descriptions, in a *classified* form, will be found in a work entitled, “*Les Mines de l’Orient*,” as follows:

		Page.
Historical	vol. iii.	333.
Poetical	—	120.
Religious Writers	— iv.	289.
Lexicographical, &c.	—	291.
Philosophical, Medical, &c.	—	296.
Miscellaneous	—	298.
Tales and Fables	—	457.

Descriptions of the *principal* volumes in the other Collections will be found at the pages indicated below.

“Sloane” Catalogue, *p.* 900.

“Harleian” — vol. i. *pp.* 100, 330, 353.

— — — iii. *pp.* 14, 20, 96 ; *also between,*
pp. 269 and 273, 277, 283, 289, 500.

“Royal” — — *pp.* 245, 248.

“Lansdowne” — — vol. ii. *p.* 270.

“Manuscript Catalogue,” — viii. *Nos.* 5963—5991.

“List of Additions” for 1833, *p.* 22.

— — — 1835, *pp.* 10—12.

“Hand-List of Addit. MSS.” *Nos.* 18,885—18,888.

Papyri.

The Museum possesses about 263 Manuscripts, written upon *Papyrus*, the reed from which was made the far-famed *paper* of Egypt. Of this number, 206 are *Egyptian*, thirty-seven *Greek*, nineteen *Coptic*, and one *Latin*. The whole of the *Egyptian* papyri and rolls on leather, in the hieroglyphic, hieratic, and demotic character, were transferred from the Department of Manuscripts to that of Antiquities, in May, 1840. The *Coptic* and *Greek* Papyri, and the single example of *Latin*, are still preserved in the first-named Department. That written in the *Latin* language is a very fine specimen, measuring 8½ ft. long by 1 ft. wide, and was obtained from the Pinelli Library in 1789.

The following is a list of the Catalogues of Papyri, published by order of the Trustees, together with the prices at which they can be purchased. (See *ante*, page 18.)

Catalogue of the Greek Papyri in the British Museum
(by the Rev. J. Forshall). Part I. 1839, 4to.* 10s.

— — — *Large Paper.** 15s.

— — — Select Papyri in the Hieratic Character,
Part I. 1841. *Fol.** £1. 1s.

— II. 1842. *Fol.** £1. 10s.

— III. 1844. *Fol.** £1. 16s.

— — — Papyri in the Hieroglyphic and Hieratic
character, from the Collection of the Earl of Belmore,
1843. *Fol.** 6s.

Other descriptions will be found in the "Lists of Additions," &c., as follows :

Egyptian.

"List of Additions" for 1833, *pp.* 22—26.

— — — 1834, *pp.* 10—13.

— — — 1835, *pp.* 30—34.

— — — 1836, *pp.* 43—48.

— — — 1837, *p.* 56.

— — — 1839, *pp.* 17—22.

Greek and Coptic.

Papyrus.	Where described.		<i>Also,</i> Forshall's Cat. †
No. i. (<i>Greek</i>)	"List of Addit." for 1834, <i>p.</i> 10.		No. xliii.
ii. (<i>Græco-Egypt.</i>)	—	—	—
iii. (<i>Greek</i>)	—	—	No. i.
iv. (<i>Coptic</i>)	—	—	—
v. —	—	—	<i>p.</i> 13.
vi. —	—	—	—
vii. —	—	—	—
viii. —	—	—	—

† See List of Catalogues on the preceding page.

Papyrus.	Where described.				<i>Also,</i> Forshall's Cat.
No. ix. (<i>Copt.</i>)	"List of Addit." for 1834, p. 13.				
x.	—	—	—	—	
xi.	—	—	—	—	
xii.	—	—	—	—	
xiii.	—	—	—	—	
xiv.	—	—	—	—	
xv. (<i>Greek</i>)	—	1835, p. 31	No. xxiv-xxxi. xxxiii-xl.		
xvi. (<i>Coptic</i>)	—	—	—	—	
xvii. (<i>Greek</i>)	—	—	pp. 32, 33.	vi.	
xviii.	—	—	—	xiv.	
xix.	—	—	—	x.	
xx.	—	—	—	iv.	
xxi.	—	—	—	v.	
xxii.	—	—	—	iii.	
xxiii.	—	—	—	ii.	
xxiv.	—	—	—	xv.	
xxv.	—	—	—	xxi.	
xxvi.	—	—	—	xvi.	
xxvii.	—	—	—	vii.	
xxviii.	—	—	—	xvii.	
xxix.	—	—	—	xxii.	
xxx.	—	—	—	xx.	
xxxi.	—	—	—	viii.	
xxxii.	—	—	—	xliv.	
xxxiii.	—	—	—	xi.	
xxxiv.	—	1836, p. 48.	—	ix.	
xxxv.	—	—	—	xiii.	
xxxvi. (<i>Sahidic</i>)	—	—	—		
xxxvii. (<i>Greek</i>)	—	—	p. 43.		
xxxviii. (<i>Coptic</i>)	—	—	p. 47.		
xxxix. (<i>Græco-Coptic</i>)	—	1837, p. 56.			

Papyrus.	Where described.			<i>Also,</i> Forshall's Cat.
No. xl. (<i>Gr.-Copt.</i>)	"List of Addit." for 1837, p. 56.			No.
xli. (<i>Greek</i>)	—	—	—	xii.
xlii. —	—	—	—	xviii.
xliii. —	—	—	—	xix.
xliv. —	—	1839, p. 21.	—	
xlvi. —	—	—	—	
xlvi. —	—	—	—	
xlvi. —	—	—	p. 22.	
xlvi. —	—	—	—	
xlvi. (<i>Coptic</i>)	—	—	—	
xlix. (<i>Greek</i>)	—	—	—	
l. —	—	1841, p. 72.	—	
li. —	—	—	—	
lii. —	—	—	—	
liii. (<i>Arabic</i>)	—	—	—	
liv. (<i>Coptic</i>)	—	—	—	
lv. —	—	—	—	
lvi. —	—	—	—	

* Addit. MS. 5412, (*Latin*). See "Manuscript Catalogue," vol. iii.

For the convenience of "Readers," a thin folio volume has been formed of the descriptions taken from the various "Lists of Additions;" and placed amongst the other Catalogues in the Reading Room. (See *ante*, page 63.)

* See also, Zanetti, "Dichiarazione di un antice Papiro scritto nell' anno settimo del impero di Giustino il Giovine." *Ven.* 1768. *Fol.*

CLASSED LIST—PART II.

In the arrangement of the *second* part of our "Classed List," we have been chiefly guided by that adopted in the compilation of the very excellent Index to the Harleian Catalogue. The subjects are classed under four great divisions, viz. — THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY, HISTORY, and LITERATURE; and these again are subdivided into the usual matters embraced under their respective heads.

The *Indexes* to the various Printed Catalogues have been made use of in the compilation of the following pages, and the *references* are in general briefly given, to such of them as afford information upon the subjects chosen. In some few instances, however, we have been induced to depart from this arrangement, and to prepare fuller, and more complete references to the Collections; as in the case of the Music; Charters, and Rolls; Maps, Plans, and Drawings; Chartularies; Herald's Visitations; and Seals, to several of which, separate Catalogues already exist. With respect to the *references*, it will be sufficient to observe, that the *first word* is that to which the "reader" must turn, in the *Index* of the Catalogues marked against it.

I.—THEOLOGY.

THEOLOGY; Sloane Cat. p. 1—Cotton*—Harl. v. iv. p. 199
—Add. (1783-1835) — (1836-1840) — (1841-1845).

* See also, Hooper's "Catalogue of the Cottonian Library."—8vo. Lond. 1777, page 61.

THEOLOGY—*continued.*

- BIBLE;* Sloane Cat. p. 1—Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 199—
 Royal—Lansd. 2—Arund. and Burn.—
 King's—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—
 (1841-1845).
- *Hebrew*; Harl. v. iv. pp. 199-202—Add. (1783-
 1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
 - *Samaritan*; Cotton—Add. (1841-1845).
 - *Syriac*; Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
 - *Arabic*; Harl. v. iv. pp. 200-202—Add. (1841-
 1845).
 - *Armenian*; Add. (1841-1845).
 - *Æthiopic*; Add. (1836-1840).
 - *Greek*; Harl. v. iv. pp. 199-202.—Add. (1783-
 1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
 - *Latin*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 199-202.—
 Lansd. 2.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-
 1840)—(1841-1845).
 - *Anglo-Saxon*; Cotton—Add. (1783-1835).
 - *English*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 199-202—
 Lansd. 2.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-
 1840)—(1841-1845).
 - *French*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 199-202—
 Lansd. 2.—Add. (1836-1840).
 - *Dutch, or Flemish*; Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-
 1845).
 - *German*; Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
 - *Icelandic*; Add. (1783-1835).
 - *Irish*; Add. (1783-1835).

* We would recommend those who are desirous of becoming acquainted with the earlier and more valuable copies of the Scriptures, preserved in different libraries, both in England and on the Continent, to consult Mr. Westwood's beautiful work, entitled, "*Palæographia Sacra Pictoria.*" 4to. Lond. 1843-1845.

THEOLOGY—*continued.*

BIBLE; *Welsh*; Lansd. 1—Add. (1841-1845).

— *Commentaries upon the*; Harl. v. iv. p. 204—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

— *Histories of the*; Royal—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

— *Annotations and Lexica*; Sloane Cat. p. 3—Harl. v. iv. p. 203—Add. (1841-1845).

CONCORDANCES; Harl. v. iv. p. 203—Royal—Add. (1783-1835).

Evangelitaria; Cotton—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Harmonies; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 203—Arund. and Burn.

COUNCILS; CONCILIA; Harl. v. iv. p. 206—Royal—Lansd. 1, 2—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Convocations; Lansd. 2—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835).

Inquisitions; Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

CANONS; Harl. v. iv. p. 206—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Decrees; *Decreta*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 206—Lansd. 2.

Decretals; Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840).

ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE AND RITES; Harl. v. iv. p. 206.

Absolution; Harl. v. iv. pp. 208-217.

Baptism; Royal—Lansd. 1, 2—Arund. and Burn. Add. (1783-1835).

Bulls; Lansd. 2—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

THEOLOGY—*continued.*

ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIP. &c. *Burial*; Add. (1783-1835).

Canonization; Cotton—Add. (1836-1840).

Confession; Cotton—Royal—Arund. and Burn.—
Add. (1836-1840).

Excommunication; Cotton—Lansd. 1—Arund. and
Burn.—Add. (1841-1845).

Festivals; *Festa*; Cotton—Arund. and Burn.—Add.
(1836-1840).

Indulgences; Cotton — Arund. and Burn. — Add.
(1783-1835).

Marriage; Cotton—Royal—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-
1835).

Mass; *Missa*; Royal—Harl. v. iv. p. 217—Lansd. 1
—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Ordination; Lansd. 2—Add. (1841-1845).

Penance; Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840).

Sacraments; Harl. v. iv. p. 218—Royal—Arund.
and Burn.—Add. (1841-1845).

ORDERS (Religious); Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 209—Arund.
and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Abbots; Add. (1783-1835).

Cardinals; Cotton — Royal — Add. (1783-1835)—
(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Carmelites; Harl. v. iv. p. 209—Add. (1836-1840.)

Carthusians; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 209—Arund.
and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840).

Cistercians; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 209—Add.
(1783-1835).

Friars; Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Jesuits; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 210—Lansd. 1, 2—
King's—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)
—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

THEOLOGY—*continued.*

ORDERS; *Minors*; Cotton—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Monks; *Monachi*; Cotton.

Nuns; *Moniales*; Cotton—Lansd. 2.

Præmonastratensians; Harl. v. iv. p. 210 — Add. (1783-1835).

St. John, Knights of, Add. (1783-1835).

Templars, Knights, Cotton—Add. (1783-1835).

LITURGIES; LIBRI FESTIVALES; Sloane Cat. p. 11—Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 206-210—Arund. and Burn.—King's — Add. (1783-1835) — (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Antiphonaries; Lansd. 2 — Add. (1836-1840) — (1841-1845).

Breviaries; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 207—Lansd. 2—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Graduals; Lansd. 2 — Arund. and Burn. — Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Hours; Harl. v. iv. p. 210—Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1841-1845).

Hymns; Cotton—Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840).

Lectionaries; Cotton—Add. (1841-1845).

Litanies; Cotton—Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Manuals; Harl. v. iv. p. 210.

Missals; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 208—Royal—Lansd. 2—Add. (1836-1840).

Offices of Devotion; *Officia, &c.*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 208, 210—Add. (1841-1845). See "*Liturgies.*"

Orations, v. *Prayers*.

THEOLOGY—*continued.*

LITURGIES, &c., *Ordinals*; Harl. v. iv. p. 208—Royal—Lansd. 2.

Pœnitentials; Cotton—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835).

Prayers; *Preces*; *Orationes*; Sloane Cat. p. 11—Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 211—Royal—Lansd. 1, 2—King's—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Psalters; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 208—Royal—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Rituals; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 208—Add. (1783-1835).

FATHERS OF THE CHURCH.

Greek.

Athanasius, *Sanctus*; Harl. v. iv. p. 454—Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1841-1845).

Basilus, *Sanctus*; Harl. v. iv. p. 456—Arund. and Burn. Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845.)

Chrysostomus (Johannes) v. Johannes, *Chrysostomus*.

Cyprianus, *S. Carth. Ep.*; Harl. v. iv. p. 469—Royal—Arund. and Burn.

Cyrillus, *Sanctus, Alex. Archiep.*; Add. (1841-1845).

— — *Ep. Hieros.*; Harl. v. iv. p. 469—Add. (1836-1840).

Damascenus (Johannes) v.; Johannes, *Damascenus*.

Dionysius, *Areopag.*; Harl. v. iv. p. 471—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1841-1845).

Epiphanius, *Sanctus*; Harl. v. iv. p. 474—Add. (1841-1845.)

Eusebius, *Emisenus*; Harl. v. iv. p. 475—Royal.

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- Eusebius, *Pamphilus, Cæs. Ep.*; Harl. v. iv. p. 475—Royal—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
- Gregorius, *Nazianz.*; Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
- *Ep. Nyssen*; Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1841-1845).
- Johannes, *Sanctus, Chrysostomus*; Harl. v. iv. p. 466—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
- *Damascenus*; Harl. v. iv. p. 470—Royal—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
- Origenes, *Alexandrinus*; Harl. v. iv. p. 498—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1841-1848).
- Photius, *Pat. Const.*; Harl. v. iv. p. 501—Arund. and Burn.

Latin.

- Alcuinus (Fl. Alb.) Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 452—Royal—Arund. and Burn.
- Anselmus, *S. Cant. Arch.*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 453—Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
- Augustinus, *Sanctus*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 455—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
- Beda, *Venerabilis*; Sloane—Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 457—Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
- Bernardus, *S., Clarav. Abb.*; Sloane—Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 457—Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

THEOLOGY—*continued.*

- Bonaventura, *Sanctus, Card.*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 459
—Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-
1840)—(1841-1845).
- Damianus (Petrus) Harl. v. iv. p. 170—Add. (1841-1845).
- Gregorius, *Magnus*; Harl. v. iv. p. 480.
- Hieronymus, *Sanctus*; Sloane—Cotton—Harl. v. iv.
p. 483—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840)
—(1841-1845).
- Hildebertus, *Cenom. Ep.*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 484—
Royal—Add. (1783-1835).
- Isidorus, *Hisp.*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 486—Royal—
Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-
1840)—(1841-1845).
- Ivo, *Carnot. Ep.*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 486.
- Lactantius (F. C.) Harl. v. iv. p. 488—Arund. and Burn.
—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Latin and Reformed Churches.

- Aquinas (S. Thos.) Harl. v. iv. p. 453—Royal—Arund.
and Burn.
- Comestor (Pet.) Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-
1840)—(1841-1845).
- Insulis (Alanus de) Harl. v. iv. p. 486—Royal—Add.
(1836-1840).
- Lombardus (Pet.) Harl. v. iv. p. 490—Royal—Arund.
and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
- Rabanus Maurus; Harl. v. iv. p. 503—Arund. and Burn.
—Add. (1841-1845).
- Sancto Victore (Hugo de) Harl. v. iv. p. 514—Royal—
Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-
1840)—(1841-1845).
- (Ric. de) Harl. v. iv. p. 514—Add. (1836-
1840)—(1841-1845).

THEOLOGY—*continued.*

CATECHISMS; Harl. v. iv. p. 217—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Creeds; Harl. v. iv. p. 217—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1836-1840).

Confessions of Faith; Harl. v. iv. p. 217—Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Decalogue; Harl. v. iv. p. 217—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1841-1845).

HOMILIES; SERMONS; Sloane Cat. p. 5—Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 219—Lansd. 2—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

MISCELLANEOUS DIVINITY; Sloane Cat. p. 22—Harl. v. iv. p. 222.

HEATHENISM; *Greek and Roman Mythology*; Sloane Cat. p. 343—Harl. v. iv. p. 224.

Mahommedan and Hindu Theology; Harl. v. iv. p. 224.
Buddhists; Add. (1836-1840).

II.—PHILOSOPHY.

PHILOSOPHY, *History of*; Sloane Cat. p. 411—Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 225—Royal—Add. (1836-1840).

LOGIC; Sloane Cat. p. 415—Harl. v. iv. p. 225—Lansd. 2—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

METAPHYSICS; Harl. v. iv. p. 225—Lansd. 2—Arund. and Burn.—King's—Add. (1836-1840).

ETHICS; Sloane Cat. p. 414—Harl. v. iv. p. 226—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1841-1845).

Morals; *Moralia*; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 228—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

PHILOSOPHY—*continued*.

POLITICS; POLITICAL TRACTS; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 229—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Ambassadors; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 229—Lansd. 2—King's—Add. (1783-1835).

Cyphers; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 229—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Diplomacy; Harl. v. iv. pp. 229, 324.

Instructions; *Treaties*, &c.; Sloane Cat. p. 120—Cotton*—Harl. v. iv. p. 324—Lansd. 2—King's—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

POLITICAL ECONOMY; Harl. v. iv. p. 229.

Commerce; Sloane Cat. p. 366—Harl. v. iv. p. 229—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1836-1840).

Free Ports; Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Merchants; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 230—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

— *Adventurers*; Cotton*—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

TRADE; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 229-333—Lansd. 1, 2.—Hargrave—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Alum; Lansd. 1, 2.

Beer; Lansd. 2.

Bread; Lansd. 1.

Brewers; Lansd. 1.

Brimstone; Lansd. 1.

Cloth; Cotton—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1841-1845).

Coal; Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

* See also, Hooper's "Catalogue of the Cottonian Library." 8vo, Lond. 1777, pages 31 and 40.

PHILOSOPHY—*continued.*

TRADE; *Cochineal*; Lansd. 1.

Copper; Lansd. 1.

Cordage; Lansd. 1.

Corn; Cotton—Lansd. 1.

Fish and Fisheries; Cotton—Lansd. 1, 2—Add.
(1841-1845).

Flax; Lansd. 1—Add. (1783-1835).

Glass; Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Grain; Cotton—Lansd. 1.

Hemp; Lansd. 1—Add. (1783-1835).

Kerseys; Lansd. 1.

Lead; Cotton—Lansd. 1—Add. (1783-1835).

Leather; Lansd. 1.

Linen; Lansd. 1.

Oil; Lansd. 1.

Opium; Add. (1841-1845).

Pepper; Lansd. 1.

Salt; Harl. v. iv. p. 230—Lansd. 1, 2.

Saltpetre; Cotton—Lansd. 1.

Sea Coal; Lansd. 2.

Silk; Cotton—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Soap; Add. (1783-1835).

Sulphur; Lansd. 1.

Tea; Add. (1783-1835).

Tobacco; Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Wines; Cotton—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—
(1841-1845).

Woad; Lansd. 1.

Wool; Lansd. 1, 2.

Woollen Trade; Cotton—Lansd. 1.

PHILOSOPHY—*continued.*

TRADING COMPANIES; Sloane Cat. *p.* 366.

African Company; Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 334—Lansd. 2—
Add. (1783-1835).

East India — Lansd. 2—Hargrave—Add. (1783-
1835)—(1836-1840).

South Sea — Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 334—King's.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES; *Pond. et Mens.*; Harl. *v.* *iv.*
p. 230—Cotton—Lansd. 1, 2—Arund. and
Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—
(1841-1845).

JURISPRUDENCE; Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 230.

LAWS; LEGES; Sloane Cat. *p.* 291—Cotton*—
Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 230—Royal—Lansd. 2—King's
—Hargrave—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-
1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

— *Anglo-Norman*; Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 234.

— *Anglo-Saxon*; Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 234.

— *Canon*; Cotton—Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 231—Add.
(1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845)

— *Danish*; Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 234—Add. (1836-
1840).

— *English*; Cotton—Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 235—Arund.
and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-
1840)—(1841-1845).

— *French*; Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 257—Add. (1783-1835).

— *German*; Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-
1835).

— *Icelandic*; Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

— *Irish*; Harl. *v.* *iv.* *p.* 256—Add. (1783-1835)
—(1841-1845).

* See also, Hooper's "Catalogue of the Cottonian Library."
8vo, Lond. 1777. pages 54 and 56.

PHILOSOPHY—*continued.*

LAWs, *Italian*; Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

— *Norwegian*; Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

— *Roman*; Harl. v. iv. p. 230—Lansd. 2.

— *Scottish*; Harl. v. iv. p. 256—Lansd. 2—
Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

— *Welsh*; Harl. v. iv. p. 256—Add. (1841-1845).

LAWs OF CIVIL RIGHTS; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 237—
Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Alienations; Lansd. 2.

Concealments; Cotton—Lansd. 1.

Domesday Book; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 237—
Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Escheats; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 238—Lansd. 2—
Add. (1783-1835).

Forest Laws; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 237—Royal
—Lansd. 1, 2—Hargrave.

Forfeited Estates; Cotton—Lansd. 2.

Inquisitions; Cotton*—Harl. v. iv. p. 237—Lansd.
2—Hargrave.

Sequestrations; Add. (1783-1835),

Tenures; Cotton—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Warrants; Lansd. 1—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

CHARTERS, ROLLS, RECORDS, &c.

Sloane Cat. p. 235—Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 237, 324
—Lansd. 1, 2—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

* See also, Hooper's "Catalogue of the Cottonian Library."
8vo, Lond. 1777, page 37.

The Charters and Rolls form no inconsiderable portion of the Manuscript Collections, and afford information of the very highest importance to the Genealogist and the County Historian. There are no less than *eleven* separate Collections, some of which were acquired with the libraries after which they are named; whilst others have been received by virtue of bequests or purchase. They amount in all to about 26,973 original and separate Documents, each bearing a distinct number. The following are the names of the various Collections, in the order in which they have been acquired, together with the amount of Charters and Rolls in each.

Collection.	Number of Charters.	Number of Rolls.
Sloane	150.	18.
Cottonian	1,235.	85.
Harleian	13,285.	948.
Royal	None.	46.
Topham	56.	None.
Lansdowne	668.	28.
Campbell	530.	23.
Wolley	1,036.	None.
Egerton	102.	None.
Additional	8,014.	456.
Pipe Rolls	—	293.
Total 25,076.		1,897.

Of these, the “Additional” Collection is annually increased, by means either of purchase or donation.

Before proceeding to describe the Catalogues, we deem it right to point out to the student the necessity for correctness, when asking for any of the Documents required. In all cases *the name of the Collection should be given*, and

care taken that the *numerals* indicated in the Catalogues are correctly copied, otherwise great delay and confusion may arise.

IN ASKING FOR CHARTERS, THE "FORM" UPON GREEN PAPER IS TO BE USED, AS FOR MANUSCRIPTS.

1.—*Sloane Charters.*

This Collection, as may be conjectured, from the name it bears, became the property of the Nation, together with Sir Hans Sloane's Library, in the year 1753. The Charters are 150 in number, the Rolls about 18. They are of a miscellaneous character, chiefly relating to private property, and will be found described among the Manuscripts in Ayscough's "Catalogue of the Sloane Manuscripts," pp. 262, 263, and 267, under the numbers 103, 106, and 5013.

Duplicate copies of these pages have been inserted in *Vol. iii.* of the "Charter Catalogue," and a *new numeration* given to the deeds, which are now marked xxxi. 1.—xxxiii. 87. To this Catalogue—which can be had upon application to an attendant in the Reading Room—the student had better refer, the names of "Persons" and "Places" being incorporated with the general index at the end of the volume.

2.—*Cottonian Charters.*

The numerous papers, deeds, &c., received with the Cottonian Collection of Manuscripts in the year 1753, and known as the Cottonian Charters and Rolls, amount to about 1320 separate numbers. The Collection does not, however, consist entirely of the documents, usually known by the name of *Charters*, a great many papers

relating to Sir Robert Cotton's private affairs having been inadvertently mixed up with them. Some of the Charters appear, by the endorsements, to have at one time formed part of the Harleian Collection.

A good Catalogue of these Documents was made by Mr. Ayscough, at the request of the Trustees, and will be found *towards the middle of Vol. iii.* of the "Charter Catalogue." The names of "Persons" and "Places" are incorporated with the general index at the end of that volume. Other descriptions of these Charters will be found towards the end of Hooper's "Catalogue of the Cottonian Library." 8vo. *Lond.* 1777. The Collection is numbered in divisions, each document having *two numbers*, the *first* in *Roman*, and the *second* in *Arabic* numerals, commencing with i. 1. and continuing down to number xxx. 41. Independent of those described in *Vol. iii.* many original Charters will be found bound up with the Cottonian Manuscripts themselves, and described in the Catalogue of that Collection. Of these, the Cottonian MS. *Augustus II.*, is most worthy of notice, being entirely composed of original Charters, 138 in number, *one-fourth* of which are written in the *Anglo-Saxon* language and character. These charters have been separated from the binding, and carefully laid down upon sheets of card-board, retaining, however, the numbers under which they were originally described in the Cottonian Catalogue.

3.—*Harleian Charters.*

This is a very fine and valuable Collection of original Documents, and includes a great many Royal Charters of the Saxon kings of England, numerous Ecclesiastical Charters, and Private Deeds without number, together with a large Collection of Foreign Documents, Papal Bulls,

Indulgences, Dispensations, &c., amounting in all to about 13,285 Charters, and 948 Rolls.

The whole of this vast, and probably unequalled Collection, was made by the unceasing vigilance, and princely liberality of Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, and became the property of the nation, together with the Library of that nobleman, in the year 1753.

The *Rolls* are placed at the head of the Collection, and are distinguished by an *Arabic numeral*, preceded by one of the letters of the alphabet. They extend, in alphabetical order, from A. 1, to EE. 21.

The *Charters* follow the Rolls, and are divided into sections of about 500 separate deeds, each section being again divided into *nine* parts. The distinguishing marks are, *a letter of the alphabet, placed between two sets of numbers*, of which, that upon the *left* hand is the *sectional and fixed number*, whilst that upon the *right* is the *Charter and running number*. The first section here given, will afford a clearer idea of the arrangement, than can be conveyed by any description.

43, A. 1.	to	43, A. 81.
43, B. 1.	—	43, B. 54.
43, C. 1.	—	43, C. 53.
43, D. 1.	—	43, D. 53.
43, E. 1.	—	43, E. 51.
43, F. 1.	—	43, F. 51.
43, G. 1.	—	43, G. 53.
43, H. 1.	—	43, H. 46.
43, I. 1.	—	43, I. 51.

Total 493 Charters.

The next section then commences with the number

44, A. 1, and continues in the manner above shown. The general disposal of the Collection is as follows :

43, A. 1. — 58, I. 53.

Here a *break* occurs in the numeration.

75, A. 1. — 80, I. 98.

A similar *break*.

83, A. 1. — 86, I. 63.

A similar *break*.

111, A. 1. — 112, I. 62.

A good Catalogue exists, in *Manuscript*, which was drawn up, at the request of the Trustees, by Mr. Samuel Ayscough, and is in that gentleman's handwriting. The descriptions are brief, yet nearly fill three large folio volumes, forming vols. i.—iii. of the present "Charter Catalogue." There is a good *Index* of "Persons" and "Places" at the end of the *third* volume.

4.—*Royal Rolls.*

There are no *Charters* in the Royal Collection. The *Rolls*, *forty-six* in number, were deposited about the year 1756, at the same time with the fine Collection of Manuscripts described at page 34. They relate chiefly to the expenses of the Royal Household, and of the Army and Navy, in the time of Henry VIII. Two *separate* descriptions exist, that *in print*, occurs in Casley's "Catalogue of the Royal Library," page 233; the other, which was made at the request of the Trustees, by Mr. Samuel Ayscough, is in *Manuscript*, and will be found towards the end of *vol. iii.* of the "Charter Catalogue." The names of "Persons" and "Places" are incorporated with the general index at the end of that volume. The Rolls are numbered consecutively, from 14, B. i. to 14, B. xlv.

5.—*Topham Charters.*

This small but interesting Collection of original deeds, was purchased at the sale of Mr. Topham's Library, in February 1804. They are *fifty-six* in number, *all charters*, and relate to lands granted to various Religious Houses in England, more especially to the Hospital of St. Giles, at Norwich. A short description, *in manuscript*, of each document, will be found bound up in the same vol. with the *Lansdowne Collection* of Charters and Rolls, and can be had upon application to an *attendant* in the Reading Room.

These Charters have but *one set* of numbers, and are marked from 1—56 consecutively, with the letter T prefixed to each number.

6.—*Lansdowne Charters.*

The Lansdowne Collection of Charters and Rolls was acquired at the same time with the fine Library of that name in the early part of the year 1807. It consists of *thirty-eight* Rolls, and *six hundred and fifty-six* Charters, the greater part relating to lands at Beverley, in the county of York. They are numbered consecutively from 1 to 694, inclusive, the Rolls being placed at the commencement.

A very excellent Catalogue, bound up with that of the Topham Collection, in which each document is fully and carefully described, has been placed at the service of the readers, and can be seen upon application to an attendant in the Reading Room.

7.—*Campbell Charters.*

This Collection was presented to the Library of the British Museum in the year 1814, by Lord Frederic

Campbell, Lord Registrar of Scotland. It consists of 530 Charters and *twenty-three* Rolls, all in a fine state of preservation, and chiefly relating to lands in the counties of Suffolk, Sussex, Kent, and York.

They are numbered in divisions, from i. 1. to xxx. 22. The Charters forming the last division (xxx. 1—22) are *Scottish*.

There is a good Catalogue *in manuscript*, compiled by Sir Henry Ellis, with an index of "Persons" and "Places," bearing for its title,

"A CATALOGUE OF ANCIENT CHARTERS PRESENTED TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM BY LORD FREDERICK CAMPBELL, A.D. 1814.

Transcripts of the *Scottish* Charters will be found in *Add. MS.* 11,545.

8.—*Wolley Charters.*

In the year 1827, Adam Wolley, Esq., of Matlock, co. Derby, bequeathed to the Museum his fine Collections, for a History of that county, now numbered, *Add. MSS.* 6666—6698, together with the present Collection of Charters and other documents, 1036 in number, chiefly relating to lands in the same county.

A Catalogue of the Charters, drawn up with his own hand, accompanied the bequest, and is numbered *Add. MS.* 6699. It appears from this Catalogue that the deeds, when in Mr. Wolley's possession, were bound up *into twelve volumes*, and numbered accordingly.

The documents have since been separated and placed in drawers, but the *same divisions and numeration* have been preserved. Each document has, therefore, *two distinct*

numbers, both in Arabic numerals, the first of which denotes the volume, the second, the number of the Charter therein. As the same sub-numbers are, therefore, necessarily repeated in each volume, care must be taken when asking for any of the Charters, to note accurately the volume in which they occur.

The deeds are numbered from 1, 1, to 12, 144, inclusive.

9.—*Egerton Charters.*

The Egerton Charters were bequeathed to the nation, in the year 1829, together with the Library bearing the same name, already described at page 47. The original bequest amounted to *ninety-six*, all Charters, which number has since been increased by purchase to 102.

They are of various dates between the years 1191 and 1792, and are chiefly illustrative of French History, during the xvth. xvith. and xviith. centuries. A Catalogue, containing an excellent detailed description *in manuscript*, can be seen upon application to the *attendant* in the Reading Room. It is a *folio volume*, and bears for its title,

“CATALOGUE OF EGERTON CHARTERS, 1829.”

The Egerton Charters have only one set of numbers, namely, from 1 to 102 in consecutive order.

10.—*Additional Charters.*

This Collection, like that of the Manuscripts distinguished by the name of “Additional,” is so called from its being composed of all grants, charters, etc. from time to time purchased or presented to the Trustees, from the year 1829 down to the present time. The following

table will show the increase of the Collection during the past *ten* years :—

Anno.	Number acquired.	Anno.	Number acquired.
1843 . .	35	1848 . .	372
1844 . .	—	1849 . .	349
1845 . .	120	1850 . .	409
1846 . .	38	1851 . .	638
1847 . .	4	1852 . .	350

According to the annual “Return” just published, the total number of “Additional” Charters and Rolls acquired, amounted, at the close of last year, to 8,470.

Of these more than one half are in *French*, and will be found highly important as illustrating the History of France, more especially during the occupation of the English, in the xivth. and xvth. centuries. The Charters forming the remaining half of the Collection, are of a miscellaneous nature, but chiefly relate to the history of our own country.

Two separate Catalogues of this Collection exist, the one *printed*, the other in *manuscript*. In the *first*, the descriptions are *briefly* given, and are mixed up with the “Additions” for the years 1831—1845, the numbers being continued from year to year.

To facilitate the “reader’s” research, a volume has been placed upon the shelves of the Reading Room, in which these descriptions—separated from those of the manuscripts—are *laid down* in numerical order, thereby obviating the necessity for turning to the several “Lists” for these years.

The *second* is in *two volumes folio*, and contains a full description of each document, with a good index of “Persons” and “Places” to the first volume.

The following "Table" is intended to show in what Catalogues the descriptions occur, and is more expressly intended for those, who, possessing copies of the published "Lists," reside at too great a distance to admit of their readily consulting the *inlaid* Catalogue above referred to:

Number of Charter.	Where described.			
1—	231. "Catalogue of Additional Charters," vol. i.			
232—	652. "List of Additions" for 1831, <i>p.</i> 26; <i>also</i> "Catalogue of Additional Charters," vol. i.			
653—	696. "Catalogue of Additional Charters," vol. i.			
697—	870. "List of Additions," for 1831, <i>p.</i> 26; <i>also</i> "Catalogue of Additional Char- ters," vol. i.			
871.	"List of Addit." for 1832, <i>p.</i> 22.			
872.	—	—	1831, <i>p.</i> 26.	
873.	—	—	1832, <i>p.</i> 22.	
874.	—	—	—, <i>p.</i> 2.	
875—	982.	—	—	1833, <i>pp.</i> 5, 6.
983—	1,009.	—	—	1834, <i>pp.</i> 9, 10.
1,010.	—	—	1835, <i>p.</i> 5.	
1,011—	1,053.	—	—	<i>p.</i> 14.
1054—1246. "List of Addit." for 1836, <i>p.</i> 42.				<i>vol.</i> i.
1247.	—	—	— <i>p.</i> 3.	—
1248. 1249.	—	—	— <i>p.</i> 42.	—
1250. 1251.	—	—	1835, <i>p.</i> 5.	<i>vol.</i> ii.
1252—	1372.	—	—	1837, <i>pp.</i> 47-49
1373.	—	—	— <i>p.</i> 3.	—
1374—	1379.	—	—	<i>p.</i> 49.
1380.	—	—	— <i>p.</i> 3.	—

Also
"Cat. of Addit.
Charters."

Number of Charter.	Where described.		^{Also,} "Cat of Addit. Charters."
1381—1386.	"List of Addit." for 1837, pp. 49, 50.		vol. ii.
1387—2018.	—	—	1838, pp. 17—23. —
2019—4717.	—	—	1839, pp. 12, 13.
4718—5142.	—	—	1840, pp. 9—11.
5143—5962.	—	—	1841, pp. 55—65.
5963—5978.	—	—	1842, pp. 102, 103.
5979—6011.	—	—	1843, pp. 91—94.
6012—6172.	—	—	1844, pp. 130—140.
6173—6292.	—	—	1845, pp. 56—62.

11.—*Pipe Rolls.*

A custom prevailed in early times of causing some of the more important transactions to be recorded *in duplicate*, which *duplicates*, although they do not correspond in every minute particular, nevertheless agree in substance. The *Pipe Rolls*—so termed from their peculiar form—and commonly known as the *Comptroller's* or *Chancellor's Rolls*, are *duplicates* of the great "Rolls of the Pipe," and were formerly kept in the old Exchequer at Westminster; but, about the year 1800, they were removed to the vaults, under the eastern wing of Somerset House. They are of exceeding interest and utility to the Historian and Genealogist, from their containing valuable particulars relating to the transactions of early times, the names of most men and families of property appearing upon them. Nearly every ancient Pedigree is indebted to them for assistance. Each "Roll" is composed of a number of smaller Rolls, stitched together along the top, and generally each of these consists of two or more sheets of parchment, joined together end-wise, the accounts being written more or less on both sides of the skin.

Immediately previous to their transfer to the British Museum, which took place by order of the Commissioners of Public Records, in the years 1833-4, they were deposited in the King's Mews, at Charing Cross: but owing to their having always been regarded as of inferior importance, less care had been taken of them, on which account *many are now missing*. There are 310 Rolls in all, intervening between the ninth of King Hen. II., and the seventeenth of King James I. The subjoined list is taken from the "List of Additions" for the year 1833, *pp.* 26—33, where a fuller description of the Rolls will be found. To save trouble to "Readers," a copy of the same has been *laid down* upon larger paper, and placed in the Reading Room. It is bound up in the same volume with the "Lists" of "Charters and Seals."

Hen. II. 9—11, 13, 14, 19—27, 29.
 John, 4, 10, 17.
 Hen. III. 13—35, 37—56.
 Edw. I. 1—35.
 Edw. II. 1—9, 11—19.
 Edw. III. 1—14, 16—41, 43—51.
 Rich. II. 1—19, 21, 22.
 Hen. IV. 1—6, 8—13.
 Hen. V. 1—10.
 Hen. VI. 1—38.
 Edw. IV. 1—22.
 Rich. III. 1—3.
 Hen. VII. 7—14.
 Hen. VIII. 20—30, 32—34, 36, 38.
 Philip and Mary, 2 and 3.
 Elizabeth, 3—5, 29—31, 34, 35, 38.
 James I. 5, 10, 12, 13, 15—17.

PHILOSOPHY—*continued*.

PARLIAMENT; Sloane Cat. *p.* 115—Cotton—Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 233, 257, 323, 328—Lansd. 1, 2—Hargrave—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Lords, House of; Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 233, 323—Lansd. 1, 2—Hargrave—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Commons, House of; Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 233-323—Lansd. 1, 2—King's—Hargrave—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Statutes, Laws, Decreta; Cotton—Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 241—Lansd. 2—Royal—Arund. and Burn.—Hargrave—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

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acquired since the year 1840. The *manuscript* music will
be chiefly found in the Harleian, Royal, and Additional
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Signor Gasparo Selvaggi, of Naples, was presented to the Trustees by the most noble the Marquess of Northampton; and in the years 1846 and 1849, the numbers were further increased by the donations of Sig. Dom. Dragonetti and Vincent Novello, Esq.

Several excellent Catalogues of these Manuscripts have been drawn up by Thomas Oliphant, Esq., Secretary of the Madrigal Society, the first of which was printed by direction of the Trustees in 1842. The others are in *manuscript*, and can be had upon application to the *Attendants* in the Reading Room.

They are as follows:—

I. "CATALOGUE OF THE MANUSCRIPT MUSIC IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM," 8vo. Lond. 1842.

This volume contains a full description of the *MS.* Music in *all the Collections*, from the formation of the Library down to the date of its publication. The last *Additional MS.* described, is No. 12,532.

The price of this Catalogue is 5s. (See page 18.)

II. "CATALOGUE OF MUSIC COLLECTED BY SIGNOR GASPARO SELVAGGI, OF NAPLES, AND PRESENTED TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM BY THE MARQUESS OF NORTHAMPTON, APRIL 1843." Sm. 4to. *Numbered*, Add. MS. 14,249.

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III. AN EXCELLENT CATALOGUE OF THE PRECEDING COLLECTION, *in manuscript*. 4to.

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The Collection of Maps and Plans, both printed and in manuscript, together with that of Topographical Drawings, is large and exceedingly valuable.

The PRINTED Maps, Plans, and Views, amount to about 30,000, exclusive of those received with the Library presented by his Majesty King George the Third, which alone fill 124 folio cases.

Two Catalogues of this division of the Collection, are placed in the Reading Room, one of which is *printed*, and the other *in manuscript*. The *first* is a *folio* volume, bearing for its title,

“CATALOGUE OF MAPS, DRAWINGS, ETC., FORMING THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL COLLECTIONS ATTACHED TO THE LIBRARY OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE THIRD, ETC.” *Lond.* 1829.

The *second* is in *seventy-eight* volumes, *folio*, and contains descriptions of the Maps, Plans, and Views, in the general Collection, down to the year 1851, at which period it was placed in the Reading Room.

The MANUSCRIPT portion of the Collection is very important, more especially that part of it which relates to our own country. The greater part of the Plans and Topographical Drawings are deposited in the Manuscript Department, but those acquired with the Royal Library are still kept with that Collection. The Drawings bequeathed by Dr. Burney, the Rev. C. M. Cracherode, and Rich. P. Knight, Esq., are preserved in the room assigned to the reception of Prints and Engravings.

A very excellent Catalogue of the Collection was commenced by the direction of the Trustees in the year 1839, *two* volumes of which were published in 1844; and a *third*, or supplementary volume is now nearly completed. It is entitled,

“CATALOGUE OF THE MANUSCRIPT MAPS, CHARTS, AND PLANS, AND OF THE TOPOGRAPHICAL DRAWINGS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.” *Lond.* 1844. 8vo.

These volumes embrace descriptions of the General Maps of the World, together with those of Great Britain and Ireland, and of a part of France. *Two* copies have been placed in the Reading Room for the use of “Readers.”

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Dacre, *co. Cumb.* Add. (1836-1840).

Dale, *co. Derby*. Add. (1783-1835).

Danbury, *co. Ess.* Add. (1841-1845).

Darley, *co. Derby*. Add. (1783-1835).

Dartford, *co. Kent*. Add. (1783-1835).

Dartmouth, *co. Devon*. Harl. v. iv. p. 121.

Deane, *Forest of, co. Glouc.* Harl. v. iv. p. 284—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Dee, *the River*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 122, 284—Add. (1836-1840).

Deptford, *co. Kent*. King's—Add. (1783-1835).

DERBY, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 122, 284—Lansd. Chs. (Nos. 584-608).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. i. p. 297.

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Dereham, *co. Norf.* Add. (1783-1835).

Dethick, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

DEVON, *County of.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 123, 284—Royal—
Lansd. 2—Add. (1836-1840).

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Dieulacres, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 124, 284—Add.
(1783-1835).

Ditton, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Doncaster, *co. York.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 124, 284—Add.
(1783-1835).

Dorchester, *co. Dors.* Harl. v. iv. p. 124.

DORSET, *County of.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 124, 284—Lansd. 1,
2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. i.
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Dover, *co. Kent.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 125, 285—
Lansd. 1—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Downeogonagh, *co. Linc.* Add. (1836-1840).

Downham, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Draycott, *co. Staff.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Drayton *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

— Bassett, *co. Staff.* Harl. v. iv. p. 125.

Dronfield, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Duckmanton, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Duffield, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Dunham Massey, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 125—Add.
(1783-1835).

Dunmowe, *co. Ess.* Harl. v. iv. p. 285.

Dunstable, *co. Bedf.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 125, 285 — Add.
(1783-1835).

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Dunstable, *co. Staff.* Add. (1836-1840).

Dunwich, *co. Suff.* Harl. v. iv. p. 285—Add. (1783-1835).

DURHAM, *County of*, Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 125, 285—
Lansd. 2—Lansd. Chs. (Nos. 610-628)—Add.
(1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. i.
pp. 123, 338.

Easby, *co. York.* Add. (1836-1840).

East Greenstead, *v. Grinstead*, East.

Eastham, *co. Essex.* Add. (1836-1840).

Eastry, *co. Kent.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Eaton-Tregoes, *co. Heref.* Add. (1836-1840).

Eccleston, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 126.

Eddlesborough, *co. Bucks.* Add. (1836-1840).

Edensor, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Edesbury, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 126, 285.

Egginton, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Elmhurst, *co. Staff.* Add. (1836-1840).

Eltham, *co. Kent.* Add. (1836-1840).

Elton, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Ely, *co. Camb.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 127, 286—Lansd.
1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Enfield Chace, *co. Midd.* Harl. v. iv. p. 286—Lansd. 1—
Add. (1836-1840).

Epsom, *co. Surr.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Erbury, *co. Suff.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Erpingham, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

ESSEX, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 128, 286—Lansd. 1, 2.
—*Charters* (Nos. 65-192)—Add. (1783-1835)—
(1836-1840).

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Etwall, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Eveley, *co. Derby.* Add. (1836-1840).

Evesham, *co. Worc.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. *pp.* 129, 287—
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Exeter, *co. Devon.* Harl. v. iv. *pp.* 129, 287—Lansd. 1, 2
—Add. (1783-1835).

Eyam, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Eye, *co. Suff.* Harl. v. iv. *pp.* 129, 287.

Facombe, *co. Hants.* Add. (1836-1840).

Farnedon, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. *p.* 129.

Farnworth, *co. Lanc.* Harl. v. iv. *p.* 287.

Finchley, *co. Midd.* Add. (1836-1840).

Flagg, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Flecching, *co. Suss.* Add. (1836-1840).

Flordune, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Folkstone, *co. Kent.* Lansd. 2.

Foston, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Fownhope, *co. Heref.* Add. (1836-1840).

Frodsham, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. *pp.* 132, 287.

Fulham, *co. Midd.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—
(1841-1845).

Furness Abbey, *co. Lanc.* Harl. v. iv. *p.* 287—Lansd. 2—
Add. (1783-1835).

Gamlingay, *co. Camb.* Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Gerbryges, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

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Gisburn, *co. York.* Add. (1836-1840).

Glastonbury, *co. Som.* Cotton—Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 133, 288
—Lansd. 2—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835).

GLOUCESTER, *County of,* Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 134, 288—
Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)
—(1841-1845).

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Grantchester, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Gravesend, *co. Kent.* Add. (1783-1835).

Greasby, *co. Chest.* Add. (1836-1840).

Great Chalfield, *co. Wilts.* Add. (1836-1840).

Greenford cum Hanwell, *co. Midd.* Add. (1836-1840).

Greenwich, *co. Kent.* Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 135, 288—Lansd. 2
—King's—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Gresham College. Add. (1783-1835).

Greystoke, *co. Cumb.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Grimsby, *co. Linc.* Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Grinstead, East, *co. Suss.* Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 128—Add.
(1783-1835).

Guilford, *co. Surr.* Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 135, 288—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Hackford, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Haddenham, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Halden, *co. Kent.* Add. (1836-1840).

Halsted, *co. Essex.* Add. (1836-1840).

Halton, *co. Chest.* Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 136.

— *co. Bucks.* Add. (1783-1835).

Ham, *co. Kent.* Add. (1836-1840).

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Hampton Court, *co. Midd.* Harl. *v. iv.* pp. 137, 289—
Add. (1783-1835).

Handbridge, *co. Chest.* Harl. *v. iv.* p. 137.

Harlow Bury, *co. Essex.* Add. (1836-1840).

Harrow, *co. Midd.* Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Hartington, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Hartshorne, *co. Derby.* Add. (1836-1840).

Harwich, *co. Essex.* Harl. *v. iv.* p. 137—Add. (1783-1835).

Haslingfield, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Hassop, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Hastings, *co. Suss.* Add. (1783-1835).

Hatfield, *co. Hertf.* Harl. *v. iv.* p. 137—Add. (1783-
1835)—(1836-1840).

— Peverell, *co. Essex.* Harl. *v. iv.* pp. 137, 289—
Add. (1783-1835).

Hathersage, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Havering, *co. Essex.* Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Heage, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Hemelhamstead, *co. Hertf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Hempton, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Hendley, *co. Suff.* Add. (1836-1840).

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—(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. *v. i.* p. 391.

Herstede, *co. Suff.* Add. (1836-1840).

HERTFORD, *County of,* Harl. *v. iv.* pp. 139, 289—Lansd.
1, 2—Add. (1783-1835) — (1836-1840) —
(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. *v. i.* p. 393.

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Hesset, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Higham, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

— Ferrers, *co. Northampt.* Lansd. 2.

Hilperton, *co. Wilts.* Add. (1841-1845).

Hognaston, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Holbrook, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

— *co. Suff.* Add. (1836-1840).

Hollingborn, *co. Kent.* Add. (1783-1835) — (1836-1840).

Holme Cultram, *co. Cumb.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 140, 290—
Add. (1783-1835).

Holmes, *co. Hertf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Hom Lacy, *co. Heref.* Add. (1836-1840).

Honsdon, *co. Hertf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Hooe, *co. Suss.* Add. (1783-1835).

Hope, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Hopperton, *co. York.* Add. (1836-1840).

Horningtoft, *co. York.* Add. (1836-1840).

Horseheath, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Horsham, *co. Suss.* Add. (1783-1835).

Horsleye, *co. Surr.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Hucknall, *co. Nott.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Hull, *co. York.* Harl. v. iv. p. 141 — Add. (1783-1835).

Humber, *co. Heref.* Add. (1836-1840).

HUNTINGDON, *County of*, Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 141,
290 — Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835) — (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat.
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Huxley, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 141—Add. (1783-1835).

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Ible, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Ickleton, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Ilneys, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Ipswich, *co. Suff.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 141, 290—Add. (1836-1840).

Kenilworth, *co. Warw.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 143, 290.

KENT, *County of*, Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 143, 290—
Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)
—(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. i.
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Kimpton, *co. Hertf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Kinderton, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 144—Add. (1783-1835).

Kingston upon Hull, *co. York.* Harl. v. iv. p. 144—
Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Knaresborough, *co. York.* Harl. v. iv. p. 145—Add.
(1783-1835).

Knottesford, or Knottesford, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 145.
—Add. (1783-1835).

Lackham, *co. Wilts.* Add. (1836-1840).

Lambeth, *co. Surr.* Harl. v. iv. p. 145—Add. (1783-1835).

LANCASTER, *County of*, Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 145,
291—Lansd. 1, 2—Hargrave—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

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Landbeach, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

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Langley, *co. Hertf.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 146, 292.

— *co. Norf.* Add. (1783-1835).

— *Kirk, co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

— *Park, co. Bucks.* Add. (1836-1840).

Langston, *co. Monm.* Add. (1836-1840).

Lavenham, *co. Suff.* Harl. v. iv. p. 147.

Lea, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Ledbury, *co. Heref.* Add. (1836-1840).

Ledes Castle, *co. Kent.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

LEICESTER, *County of,* Harl. v. iv. pp. 147, 292—Lansd.
Charters (*Nos.* 635-643)—Add. (1783-1835)—
(1836-1840).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. i.
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Leigh, *co. Kent.* Add. (1836-1840).

Lenton, *co. Nott.* Add. (1783-1835).

Leominster, *co. Heref.* Add. (1783-1835).

Lewes, *co. Suss.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 148, 293—Add. (1783-
1835).

Lichfield, *co. Staff.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 148, 293—Add. (1783-
1835).

LINCOLN, *County of,* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 148, 293
—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-
1840)—(1841-1845).

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Lindley, *co. Leic.* Add. (1783-1835).

Linton, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

— *co. Kent.* Add. (1836-1840).

Litchfield, *v. Lichfield.*

Littlebury, *co. Ess.* Add. (1783-1835).

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Littlington, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Liverpool, *co. Lanc.* Harl. v. iv. p. 149—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Llanthony, *co. Glouc.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 147, 293—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Loddon, *co. Norf.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

LONDON. Sloane Cat. p. 279—Cotton*—Harl. v. iv. pp. 150, 294—Royal—Lansd. 1, 2—Arund. and Burn.—Harg.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii. p. 18.

— *Tower of*, Cotton—Lansd. 1, 2—Hargrave—Add. (1836-1840).

Longtone, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Ludlow, *co. Salop.* Add. (1783-1835).

Lyme Regis, *co. Dors.* Harl. v. iv. p. 154—Add. (1836-1840).

Lynn, *co. Salop.* Add. (1836-1840).

— Regis, *co. Norf.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 155, 296—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Macclesfield, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 155, 196.

Maldon, *co. Essex.* Add. (1841-1845).

Malmesbury, *co. Wilts.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 155, 296—Add. (1783-1835).

Malpas, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 155, 296.

* See also, Hooper's "Catalogue of the Cottonian Library." 8vo, Lond. 1777, page 58.

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Mappleton, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835.)

Marden, *co. Heref.* Add. (1783-1835).

Marlborough, *co. Wilts.* Harl. v. iv. p. 156.

Matlock, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Melbourne, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Merton, *co. Surr.* Harl. v. iv. p. 157 — Add. (1783-
1835).

MIDDLESEX, *County of,* Harl. v. iv. pp. 157, 296—
Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)
—(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat.
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Middleton, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

— *or Milton, co. Kent.* Add. (1841-1845).

Middlewich, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 157.

Mildenhall, *co. Suff.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Milnhay, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Milton, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

— *I. of Sheppey.* Lansd. 1.

— v. Middleton.

MONMOUTH, *County of,* Harl. v. iv. p. 158—Add. (1783-
1835).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii.
p. 53.

Monyash, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Moore, *co. Heref.* Add. (1836-1840).

Morley, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Morton, *co. Salop.* Add. (1836-1840).

Mugginton, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

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Nantwich, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 159, 297—Add.
(1783-1835).

Nelehampton, *co. Kent.* Add. (1836-1840).

Netley, *co. Hants.* Add. (1836-1840).

Newark, *co. Glouc.* Add. (1836-1840).

Newbold, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Newbury, *co. Berks.* Add. (1783-1835).

Newcastle under Lyne, *co. Staff.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 160, 297.

— upon Tyne, *co. Northld.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 160,
297—Lansd. 1—Add. (1783-1835).

Newenham, *co. Devon.* Arund. and Burn.

Newhaven, *co. Suss.* Harl. v. iv. p. 160—Add. (1783-
1835).

Newington, *co. Kent.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Newmarket, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Newport, *co. Salop.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 160, 297—Add.
(1836-1840).

Norbury, *co. Staff.* Add. (1836-1840).

NORFOLK, *County of,* Harl. v. iv. pp. 161, 297—Lansd.
1, 2—Add. (1783-1835) — (1836-1840) —
(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii.
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Normanton, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Northall, *co. Midd.* Add. (1836-1840).

NORTHAMPTON, *County of,* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 162,
298—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-
1840)—(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii.
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Northwich, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 163, 298.

Norton, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 163, 298.

Norwich, *co. Norf.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 163, 298—Lansd. 1—Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

NOTTINGHAM, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 163, 298.—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii. p. 95.

Oakington, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Oakthorpe, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Orwell, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Osney, *co. Berks.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 299.

Otford, *co. Kent.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Otham, *co. Kent.* Add. (1836-1840).

Over, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

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1845).

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- Christ Church; Cotton—Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 300—
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1845).
- Corpus Christi; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 300—Lansd. 2.
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- Exeter; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 300—Lansd. 2—Add.
(1783-1835).
- Jesus; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 300—Lansd. 2—Add.
(1783-1835).
- Lincoln; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 300—Add. (1783-1835).
- Magdalen; Sloane Cat. *p.* 74—Lansd. 1, 2—
Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 300—Add. (1783-1835)—
(1841-1845).
- — Hall; Add. (1783-1835).
- Merton; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 300—Lansd. 1, 2—
Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).
- New College; Cotton—Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 300—
Add. (1783-1835).

* See also, Hooper's "Catalogue of the Cottonian Library."
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- OXFORD, *University of*, Oriel; Harl. v. iv. p. 300—Add. (1783-1835).
 — Queen's; Cotton—Lansd. 1, 2—Harl. v. iv. p. 300—Add. (1783-1835).
 — St. Edmund's Hall; Lansd. 2.
 — St. John's; Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).
 — St. Mary Hall; Add. (1783-1835).
 — Trinity; Harl; v. iv. p. 300—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835).
 — University; Add. (1783-1835).
 — Wadham; Add. (1783-1835).
 — Winchester, *now* New College; Lansd. 1.
 — Worcester; Add. (1783-1835).

Paston, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Peak, High, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Penshurst, *co. Kent.* Add. (1783-1835).

Peterborough, *co. Northt.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 167, 300—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Pevensy, *co. Suss.* Add. (1783-1835).

Pever, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 167.

Pewsham, *co. Wilts.* Add. (1836-1840).

Pinxton, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Pleasley, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Plenynt, *co. Cornw.* Arund. and Burn.

Plymouth, *co. Devon.* Harl. v. iv. p. 168—King's—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Plympton, *co. Devon.* Add. (1841-1845).

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Poole, *co. Dors.* Harl. v. iv. p. 169—Add. (1783-1835).

Portsmouth, *co. Hants.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 169—Lansd. 1—King's—Add. (1841-1845).

Poynton, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 169.

Presbury, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 169.

Preston, *co. Lanc.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 169, 300.

Pulton, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 170—Add. (1783-1835).

Queenborough, *co. Kent.* Harl. v. iv. p. 170.

Radbourne, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Rainham, *co. Kent.* Add. (1836-1840).

Ramesbolte, *co. Surr.* Add. (1836-1840).

Rampton, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Ramsey, *co. Hunt.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 170, 301—Add. (1783-1835).

Rantor Grove, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Reading, *co. Berks.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 170, 301—Add. (1783-1835).

Redbourne, *co. Hertf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Reefham, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Repingdon, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Reppes, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Repton, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Richmond, *co. Surr.* Harl. v. iv. p. 171—Add. (1783-1835).

— *co. York.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 171, 301—Add. (1783-1835).

Ridge, *co. Hertf.* Add. (1836-1840).

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- Ripley, *co. Derby*. Add. (1783-1835).
 Risbury, *co. Heref.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).
 Rochester, *co. Kent*. Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 171, 301—
 Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).
 Romney Marsh, *co. Kent*. Arund. and Burn.
 Romsey, *co. Southt.* Add. (1783-1835).
 Ross, *co. Heref.* Add. (1836-1840).
 Ruislip, *co. Midd.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).
 RUTLAND, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 172, 301—Lansd. 2.
 —Add. (1783-1835).
 — (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii.
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 Rye, *co. Suss.* Lansd. 1—Add. (1783-1835).
 Sabridgeworth, *co. Hertf.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-
 1840).
 St. Albans, *co. Hertf.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 96, 271—
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 St. Edmund's Bury, *v. Bury St. Edmund's*.
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 Salford, *co. Lanc.* Harl. v. iv. p. 173—Add. (1841-1845).
 Salisbury, *co. Wilts.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 173, 302—Add.
 (1783-1835).
 SALOP, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 176, 302—Lansd. 2—
 Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).
 — (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii. p. 133.
 Sandbach, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 173—Add. (1783-
 1835).
 Sandiacre, *co. Derby*. Add. (1783-1835).
 Sandwich, *co. Kent*. Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 173—Add.
 (1783-1835).

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Sawston, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Scarborough, *co. York.* Harl. v. iv. p. 174—Add. (1783-1835).

Scarcliff, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Scarsdale, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Schipdam, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Scroptone, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Seaford, *co. Suss.* Add. (1783-1835).

Sedgeley, *co. Staff.* Add. (1836-1840).

Shaftesbury, *co. Dors.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 175, 302—Add. (1841-1845).

Sheerness, *co. Kent.* Harl. v. iv. p. 175—King's.

Sheffield, *co. York.* Add. (1783-1835).

Shelford, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Shene, *co. Surr.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Shepey, *I. of, co. Kent.* Harl. v. iv. p. 175—Lansd. 1.

Shirland, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Shoreham, *co. Suss.* Add. (1783-1835).

Shrewsbury, *co. Salop.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 176, 302—Add. (1783-1835).

SHROPSHIRE, *v. SALOP, County of,*

Shudy-Camps, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Sibton, *co. Suff.* Harl. v. iv. p. 176—Arund. and Burn.

Silchester, *co. Southt.* Add. (1783-1835).

Sion, *co. Midd.* Arund. and Burn.

Snitterton, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Soham, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

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SOMERSET, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 177, 303—Lansd. 1, 2 — Add. (1783-1835) — (1836-1840) — (1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii. p. 135.

Somersham, *co. Hunt.* Add. (1783-1835).

SOUTHAMPTON, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 137, 177, 303—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. i. pp. 75, 384.

Southwark, *co. Surr.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 177, 303—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Southwell, *co. Nott.* Harl. v. iv. p. 178—Add. (1783-1835).

Southwold, *co. Suff.* Add. (1783-1835).

Spalding, *co. Linc.* Add. (1783-1835).

Sparham, *co. Norf.* Add. (1836-1840).

Sponden, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

STAFFORD, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 179, 303—Lansd. 2. Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii. p. 159.

Stamford, *co. Linc.* Add. (1783-1835).

Stanley, *co. Derb.* Harl. v. iv. p. 180—Add. (1783-1835).

Stanlow, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 180, 304—Add. (1783-1835).

Stanton, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

— *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

— *co. Suff.* Add. (1783-1835).

— Fen, *co. Hunt.* Add. (1783-1835).

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Stanton Harcourt, *co. Oxf.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 180, 304.

Stapenhill, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Stapleford, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Staveley, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Stockport, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 180.

Stoke cum Chilton, *co. Suff.* Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840).

Stourbridge, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Stow cum Quy, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

— Hall, *co. Suff.* Harl. v. iv. p. 181.

— Langetoft, *co. Suff.* Harl. v. iv. p. 181.

Stretton, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 181.

— *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Stuntney, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Sudbury, *co. Suff.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 181, 304—Add. (1783-1835).

SUFFOLK, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 181, 304—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. i. p. 119; v. ii. p. 161.

Sulby, *co. Northt.* Add. (1841-1845).

SURREY, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 182, 305—Lansd. 2. Add. (1783-1835) — (1836-1840) — (1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii. p. 181.

SUSSEX, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 182, 305—Lansd. 1, 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. i. p. 90; v. ii. p. 197.

Sutton, *co. Derb.* Add. (1783-1835).

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Sutton att Hone, *co. Kent.* Add. (1783-1835).

Swaffham, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Swanwick, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Swavesey, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Tabley, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 183.

Taddington, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Tansley, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Tarforley, *co. Chest.* Add. (1783-1835).

Tewkesbury, *co. Glouc.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 184,
306—Add. (1783-1835).

Thames, (the River). Cotton — Harl. v. iv. p. 184 —
Lansd. 2.

Thetford, *co. Norf.* Add. (1783-1835).

Thorney, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Thorpe, *co. Devon.* Add. (1783-1835).

Thurton, *co. Norf.* Add. (1783-1835).

Tibshelf, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Tidenham, *co. Glouc.* Arund. and Burn.

Tideswell, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Tilston, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 184—Add. (1783-1835).

Tintern Abbey, *co. Monm.* Harl. v. iv. p. 306—Arund.
and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835).

Trumpington, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Trusley, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Tussingham, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 185.

Tutbury, *co. Derby.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 185, 306 — Add.
(1783-1835).

— *co. Staff.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 185, 306—Add.
(1783-1835).

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- Wakebridge, *co. Derby*. Add. (1783-1835).
- Wakefield, *co. York*. Harl. v. iv. p. 187—Lansd. 2.
- Walden, Saffron, *co. Essex*. Harl. v. iv. pp. 187, 306—
Add. (1783-1835).
- Walsingham, *co. Norf.* Add. (1783-1835).
- Waltham, *co. Essex*. Harl. v. iv. pp. 188, 306—Add.
(1783-1835).
- *co. Hertf.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 188, 306—Lansd. 1.
- Walton, *co. Dors.* Add. (1783-1835).
- Warbleton, *co. Suss.* Add. (1783-1835).
- Wardlow, *co. Derby*. Add. (1783-1835).
- WARWICK, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 189, 307—Lansd. 2.
Add. (1783-1835).
- (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii.
p. 293.
- Waterbeach, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).
- Welbeck, *co. Notts.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 189, 307—Add.
(1783-1835).
- Welford, *co. Northt.* Harl. v. iv. p. 189—Add. (1841-
1845).
- Wells, *co. Som.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 189, 272—Lansd. 1, 2—
Add. (1783-1835).
- Wenlock, *co. Shrop.* Harl. v. iv. p. 189—Add. (1783-
1835).
- Wensley, *co. Derby*. Add. (1783-1835).
- Wessington, *co. Derby*. Add. (1783-1835).
- Westleton, *co. Suff.* Arund. and Burn
- WESTMINSTER. Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 190, 307—
Lansd. 1, 2—King's—Add. (1783-1835)—
(1841-1845).

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WESTMORELAND, *County of*, Harl. v. iv. pp. 191, 308—
Lansd. 2.

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii.
p. 296.

Whaddon, *co. Bucks.* Add. (1783-1835).

Whalley, *co. Lanc.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 192, 308—Add. (1783-
1835)—(1836-1840).

Wheatcroft, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Wiche-Malbank, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 192, 308—
Add. (1783-1835).

Wickham, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Wigan, *co. Lanc.* Harl. v. iv. p. 192.

Wigmore, *co. Heref.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 192, 308.

Wigwell, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Wilbraham, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Wilton, *co. Wilts.* Harl. v. iv. p. 192.

WILTSHIRE. Harl. v. iv. pp. 193, 308 — Lansd. 2 —
Charters (Nos. 682-690)—Add. (1783-1835).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii.
p. 297.

Wimpole, *co. Camb.* Add. (1783-1835).

Winchelsea, *co. Suss.* Add. (1783-1835).

Winchester, *co. Southt.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 193, 309.
Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Windsor, *co. Bucks.* Sloane Cat. p. 77—Harl. v. iv.
pp. 193, 309—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835).

Wingfield, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Winster, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Wirksworth, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Wirrall, *or, Wirehall, co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 194, 309.
—Add. (1783-1835).

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Wisbeach, *co. Camb.* Harl. v. iv. p. 194—Add. (1783-1835).

Witton, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 194—Add. (1783-1835).

Wollastone, *co. Glouc.* Arund. and Burn.

Wolverhampton, *co. Staff.* Harl. v. iv. pp. 194, 309.

Woodstock, *co. Oxon.* Harl. v. iv. p. 195—Lansd. 1.

Woolwich, *co. Kent.* Harl. v. iv. p. 195—King's—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

WORCESTER, *County of*, Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 195, 309—Lansd. 2 — Add. (1783-1835) — (1836-1840).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. ii. p. 308.

Wormhill, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

Wybbenbury, *co. Chest.* Harl. v. iv. p. 195—Add. (1783-1835).

Wye, *co. Kent.* Add. (1783-1835).

Yale, *co. Derby.* Harl. v. iv. p. 196.

Yarmouth, *co. Norf.* Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 196—Lansd. 1—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

— *I. of Wight*, Harl. v. iv. p. 196—Add. (1783-1835).

YORK, *County of*, Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 196, 310—Lansd. 1, 2 — *Charters* (Nos. 193-557, 693, 694) — Arund. and Burn.—Add. (1783-1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

— (Maps, Plans, and Drawings). Map Cat. v. i. p. 121; v. ii. p. 310.

Youlgrave, *co. Derby.* Add. (1783-1835).

ENGLISH CARTULARIES.

The Collection of Cartularies, Monastic Registers, &c., English as well as Foreign, is large and valuable. The greater part of the English Cartularies, were acquired with the Harleian and Cottonian Libraries. A list of those in the latter Collection—about 158 in number—will be found given in Hooper's 8vo edition of the Catalogue of that Library, *pp.* 42—48. We are indebted to Sir Thomas Phillipps, of Middle Hill, Bart.—whose Manuscript treasures are indisputably the finest possessed by any private gentleman in this kingdom—for a very useful little work upon this class of Manuscripts, entitled, “*An Index to Cartularies, now or formerly existing since the dissolution of Monasteries, by T. P.*” 1839.

In it, the names of the various Monasteries are arranged in alphabetical order, with a column, showing in whose possession, or in what Collection, the Manuscripts were at the period of its compilation. Having been printed for *private* circulation, its existence is not so well known as it deserves to be; a copy has, however, been presented to the Library of the Museum, and will be found entered in the Catalogue under the head of “Phillips.”

From this work we have—with the kind permission of the compiler—extracted such portions as relate to the English Cartularies, &c., preserved in the Museum, to which we have added the numbers of all Manuscripts of a similar nature, which have been acquired since the date of its formation.

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Berk.	Abingdon (<i>Saxon</i>)	Cott. MS. Claud. B. vi.
	— —	— — C. ix.
	— —	— Jul. A. ix.
Linc.	Bardney	Cott. MS. Vesp. E. xx.
	Barlings	— Faust. B. i.
Camb.	Barnwell	Harl. MS. 3601.
Som.	Bath, "Holloway"	— 3970.
Suss.	Battle	Cott. MS. Dom. A. ii.
	— (<i>fragment</i>)	Harl. MS. 3586.
	—	Add. MS. 6348.
South.	Beaulieu	Cott. MS. Nero, A. xii.
	—	Harl. MS. 6603.
Nott.	Beauvale, or Greseley	Add. MS. 6060.
Suss.	Beigham	Cott. MS. Otho, A. ii.
	— (<i>transcript</i>)	Add. MS. 6037, 2.
Ess.	Berking (<i>excerpta</i>)	Cott. MS. Vesp. B. xv.
	—	— Faust. B. i.
Surr.	Bermondsey (<i>Annales</i>)	Harl. MS. 231.
York.	Beverley	— 4292.
Norf.	Binham	Cott. MS. Claud. D. xiii.
Buck.	Bittlesden	Harl. MS. 4714.
Nott.	Blyth, or Blida	— 3759.
Linc.	Boston Gilda.	— 4795.
Suss.	Boxgrave	Cott. MS. Claud. A. vi.
Wilts.	Brandenstoke	— Vitell. A. xi.
York.	Bretton	Lansd. MS. 405.
Worc.	Bridon (<i>cartæ</i>)	Cott. MS. Nero, E. i.
Leic.	Burton-Lazar's Hospital	— — C. xii.
Suff.	Bury St. Edmund:	
	— "Cratfield"	Cott. MS. Tib. B. ix.
	— "Aston"	— Claud. A. xii.
	— "Croftis"	Harl. MS. 27.
	— "Liber Albus"	— 1005.
	— "Sacristæ"	— 58.
	— "Consuetudinar."	— 3977.

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Suff.	Bury St. Edmund :	
	— “Leases,” <i>temp.</i> <i>Hen. VIII.</i>	Harl. MS. 308.
	— “Ickworth” . . .	Lansd. MS. 416.
	— “Curteys” . . .	Add. MS. 7096.
	— — . . .	— 14,848.
	— “Domus Dei” . . .	Arund. MS. 1.
	— “Album” . . .	Add. MS. 14,847.
	— ‘Extenta terrarum’ . . .	— 14,849.
	— “Rentale” . . .	— 14,850.
York.	Byland	— 18,388.
Devon.	Canon’s Legh	Harl. MS. 3660.
Kent.	Canterbury, “Christ Ch.”	Cott. MS. Claud. A. iii.
	—	— Galba, E. iv.
	—	Arund. MS. 68.
	—	Add. MS. 6159.
	— (<i>abstract</i>)	— 6037.
	— —	— 5506.
	— “St. Augustine”	Cott. MS. Jul. D. ii.
	— —	— Tib. A. ix.
	— —	Arund. MS. 310.
	— “Liber Ruber”	Cott. MS. Claud. D. x.
	— —	— Otho, B. xv.
	— —	— Vitell. A. ii.
	— —	— — D. x.
	— “Liber Niger”	— Faust. A. i.
	— — (<i>frag.</i>)	Harl. MS. 337.
	— —	Arund. MS. 300.
	— “St. Saviour”	Harl. MS. 1006.
	— “St. Sepulchre”	Add. MS. 5516.
South.	Carisbrooke (<i>part transcr.</i>)	Harl. MS. 2110.
Camb.	Chateriz . . . — . . .	Cott. MS. Jul. A. i.
Surr.	Chertsey . . . — . . .	— Vitell. A. xiii.
	—	Lansd. MS. 434.
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Chest.	Chester, "Irrotulatorium."	Harl. MS. 1965.
	— "Prisca Sanctorum"	— 2062.
	— 'Litteræ and Brevia'	— 2148.
South.	Christ Church, Twinham .	Cott. MS. Tib. D. vi.
Suff.	Clare (Stoke)	— Vitell. D. xiii.
	—	— Append. xxi.
	— (<i>abstract</i>)	Add. MS. 8190.
	— "St. Austin"	Harl. MS. 4835.
	— (<i>transcript</i>)	Add. MS. 8189.
Midd.	Clerkenwell	Cott. MS. Faust. B. ii.
Ess.	Colchester, "St. John's" .	Arund. MS. 145.
	Colne	Add. MS. 5857.
Warw.	Combe	Cott. MS. Vitell. A. i.
	—	— — D. xvii.
Chest.	Combermere	— Faust. B. viii.
Warw.	Coventry (<i>Rentale</i>) . . .	Lansd. MS. 400.
Norf.	Crabhouse, or Wigenhall .	Add. MS. 4733.
Derb.	Crich	Harl. MS. 3669.
Linc.	Croyland (<i>transcript</i>) .	Add. MS. 5842.
Derb.	Dale, <i>al.</i> de Parco Stanley .	Cott. MS. Vesp. E. xxvi.
	Darley, <i>al.</i> Little Derby .	— Tit. C. ix.
	— (<i>transcript</i>)	Add. MS. 5819.
Kent.	Dartford	Arund. MS. 61.
Northt.	Daventry	Cott. MS. Claud. D. xii.
Linc.	Deeping	Harl. MS. 3658.
Ess.	Dunmow	— 662.
Bedf.	Dunstable	Cott. MS. Tib. A. x.
	—	Harl. MS. 1885.
Suss.	Dureford	Cott. MS. Vesp. E. xxiii.
Wilts.	Edingdon	Lansd. MS. 442.
Camb.	Ely	Cott. MS. Tib. A. vi.
	—	— Claud. C. xi.
	—	— Vesp. A. vi.
	—	— Titus, A. i.
	—	— Domit. xv.

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County.	Monasteries.	Number of MS.
Camb.	Ely	Add. MS. 9822.
Worc.	Evesham	Cott. MS. Vesp. B. xxiv.
	— (<i>transcript</i>)	Lansd. MS. 411.
	— “Bremesgrave”	Cott. MS. Tit. C. ix.
	—	Harl. MS. 3763.
Suff.	Eye, “Danoun” (<i>transcr.</i>)	Add. MS. 8178.
	—	Arund. MS. 921.
York.	Fountains, v.i. (Lett. A-C.)	Cott. MS. Tib. C. xii.
	—	Add. MS. 18,276.
Leic.	Gerondon	Lansd. MS. 415.
York.	Gisburn	Cott. MS. Cleop. D. ii.
Som.	Glastonbury, “Moniton”	Arund. MS. 2.
	— “Rentale”	Add. MSS. 17,450-51.
Glouc.	Gloucester Abbey, (<i>Hist.</i>)	Cott. MS. Dom. viii.
	— Cathedral (<i>fundatio</i>)	— Appendix, ix.
Southt.	Godesfeld	Harl. MS. 6603.
	Greseley v. Beauvale	
Salop.	Haghmon (<i>fragment</i>)	Harl. MS. 446.
	— (<i>excerpta</i>)	— 2188.
Bedf.	Harewood (<i>abridgement</i>)	Lansd. MS. 391.
Glouc.	Hayles (<i>Chronicle</i>)	Harl. MS. 3725.
	—	Royal MS. 12. E. xiv.
York.	Helagh Park, “Lieudayl”	Cott. MS. Vesp. A. iv.
Norf.	Hempton, “Accompts”	Add. MS. 10,621.
Nthld.	Holm, juxta Alnwick	Harl. MS. 3897.
Cumb.	— Cultram	— 3911.
	— (<i>excerpta</i>)	— 294.
	— (<i>transcript</i>)	— 1881.
Kent.	Horton (<i>fragment</i>)	Add. MS. 5516.
Norf.	Hulme, “St. Bennet”	Cott. MS. Galba, E. ii.
Hunt.	Huntingdon, “St. Mary”	— Faust. C. i.
Southt.	Hyde, “St. Peter,” (<i>lib. aur.</i>)	— Vesp. A. viii.
	— —	— Dom. xiv.
	— —	Harl. MS. 1761.

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ENGLISH CARTULARIES.

County.	Monasteries.	Number of MS.
York.	Keling, <i>alias</i> Nunkeling .	Cott. MS. Otho, C. viii.
Warw.	Kenilworth	Harl. MS. 3650.
Linc.	Kirksted	Cott. MS. Vesp. E. xviii.
Lanc.	Lancaster	Harl. MS. 3764.
	— “Duchy”	Cott. MS. Cleop. D. vi.
Norf.	Langley	Add. MS. 5948.
Leic.	Leicester, “Charite”	Cott. MS. Vitell. F. xvii.
Suff.	Leiston	— Vesp. E. xiv.
	— (<i>transcript</i>)	Add. MS. 8171.
Nthld.	Lenton	Cott. MS. Otho, B. xiv.
Heref.	Leominster (<i>Cartæ plures</i>)	— Domit. iii.
Suss.	Lewes (<i>fragment</i>)	— Vesp. E. ii.
	—	— — F. xv.
Staff.	Lichfield Cath. (<i>pars una</i>)	Harl. MS. 4799.
	— (<i>pars tertia</i>)	— 3688.
Salop.	Lilleshull (<i>excerpta</i>)	— 2060.
Linc.	Lincoln Cathedral	Cott. MS. Vesp. E. xvi.
Midd.	London, “St. Giles,”	Harl. MS. 4015.
	“St. Thom. D’Acon.”	Cott. MS. Tib. C. v.
	“St. Barth. Smithfield”	— Vesp. B. ix.
	“Christ Church”	Lansd. MS. 448.
	“St. Martin’s le Grand”	Harl. MS. 4080.
	“St. Pauls”	— 4345.
Salop.	Ludlow, “St. John Bapt.”	
	(<i>Cartæ</i>)	Add. MS. 6276.
Wilts.	Malmsbury	Cott. MS. Faust. B. viii.
	—	Lansd. MS. 417.
	—	Add. MS. 15,667.
York.	Malton	Cott. MS. Claud. D. xi.
	Marham (<i>excerpta</i>)	Harl. MS. 294.
	Melsa, or Meaux, (<i>abbrev.</i>)	Cott. MS. Vitell. C. vi.
	—	Lansd. MS. 424.
	—	Harl. MS. 6974.
	— (<i>transcript</i>)	Lansd. MS. 207.
	— (<i>annales</i>)	Egert. MS. 1141.

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County.	Monasteries.	Number of MS.
Surr.	Merton	Cott. MS. Cleop. C. vii.
Bucks.	Missenden, "Welwes" .	Harl. MS. 3688.
	— "Abbey" .	Sloane MS. 747.
Bedf.	Newenham	Harl. MS. 3956.
Devon.	—	Arund. MS. 17.
Glouc.	Newent	Add. MS. 15,668.
	—	— 18,461.
Bucks.	Newport Pagnel (<i>excerpta</i>)	Harl. MS. 2188.
Nthton.	Northampton, "St. And." .	Cott. MS. Vesp. E. xvii.
	—	Royal MS. 2. B. ix.
	— "St. James" .	Cott. MS. Tib. E. v.
York.	Nostell	— Vesp. E. xix.
	Nunkeling, <i>v.</i> Keling.	
Oxf.	Oseney	Cott. MS. Vitell. E. xv.
	— (<i>fragment</i>) .	Add. MS. 4783.
	Oxford, "Oriell Coll." .	Lansd. MS. 386.
Nthton.	Peterborough	Cott. MS. Otho, A. xvii.
	— "Maldone"	— Vesp. E. xxi.
	— "Mare"	— — E. xxii.
	—	— Cleop. C. i. ii.
	—	— Faust. B. iii.
	— (<i>rentale</i>)	— Nero, C. vii.
	Pipewell	— Jul. A. i.
	—	— Calig. A. xii.
	—	— — A. xiii.
	—	— Otho, B. xiv.
Hunt.	Ramsay	Cott. MS. Otho, B. xiv.
	— "Dodeford"	— Vesp. E. ii.
	— (<i>Feodarium</i>)	— Galba, E. x.
	—	Harl. MS. 445.
	—	— 5071.

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County.	Monasteries.	Number of MS.
Berk.	Reading	Cott. MS. Vesp. E. v.
	—	— — E. xxv.
	—	— Domit. iii.
	— “Quaplude,” (<i>frag.</i>)	Harl. MS. 82.
	—	— 1708.
York.	Rievaulx	Cott. MS. Jul. D. i.
Kent.	Rochester	— Vesp. A. xxii.
	—	— Dom. x.
	—	— Faust. B. v.
	—	— — C. v.
	— “Textus Roffensis”	
	(<i>transcript</i>)	Harl. MS. 6523.
Staff.	Rounton	Cott. MS. Vesp. C. xv.
Nott.	Rufford (<i>transcript</i>)	Harl. MS. 1063.
Hertf.	St. Albans	Cott. MS. Jul. D. iii.
	—	— Tib. E. vi.
	—	— Claud. E. iv.
	— (<i>Saxon</i>)	— Nero, D. i.
	— (<i>Cat. Benefact.</i>)	— — — vii.
	—	— Otho, D. iii.
	— ‘Whethamstede,’	
	— vol. i.	— Claud. D. i.
	— — vol. iii.	Arund. MS. 34.
	— “Moot”	Harl. MS. 602.
	— “Almoner”	Lansd. MS. 375.
	— “Hos. St. Julian”	Cott. MS. Claud. D. i.
Cumb.	St. Bees	Harl. MS. 434.
	— (<i>in rotulo</i>)	Cott. Chart. xiii. 21.
Southt.	St. Denis	Add. MS. 15,314.
Midd.	St. John of Jerusalem	Cott. MS. Claud. E. vi.
	— —	— Nero, C. ix.
	— “Botiller”	— — E. vi.
	— —	Lansd. MS. 200.
Hunt.	St. Neot’s	Faust. A. iv. [5804.
Worc.	St. Wolstan (<i>excerpta</i>)	Harl. MSS. 1087, 3648,

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County.	Monasteries.	Number of MS.
York.	Salley	Harl. MS. 112.
Hunt.	Saltrey (<i>cartæ</i>)	Harl. Charters.
York.	Selby	Cott. MS. Vitell. E. xvi.
	—	— Cleop. D. iii. 6.
Dors.	Shaftesbury	Harl. MS. 61.
Surr.	Shene (<i>Index Cartarum</i>)	Cott. MS. Otho, B. xiv.
	— (<i>rentale</i>)	— Jul. C. ii.
Kent.	Shepey (<i>Calendarium</i>)	— Faust. B. vi.
Dors.	Sherburn	— — A. ii.
Suff.	Sibton	Arund. MS. 221.
	— (<i>transcript</i>)	Add. MS. 8172.
Surr.	Southwark	Cott. MS. Faust. A. viii.
	— (<i>fragment</i>)	Add. MS. 6040.
Southt.	Southwick (<i>fragment</i>)	Harl. MS. 317.
Linc.	Spalding (<i>partes</i> 4, 5)	— 1742.
	— (<i>transcript</i>)	Add. MS. 5846.
Chest.	Stanlaw, or Whalley (<i>exc.</i>)	Harl. MSS. 2060, 2061.
Staff.	Stone	Cott. MS. Vesp. E. xxiv.
Camb.	Swaffham (<i>excerpta</i>)	Harl. MS. 5019.
Glouc.	Tewkesbury	Cott. MS. Cleop. A. vii.
	— (<i>Cat. Fundator</i>)	— Otho, D. i.
Oxf.	Thame (<i>excerpta</i>)	— Jul. C. vii.
Camb.	Thorney	— Vitell. D. v.
	— “ <i>Liber Ruber</i> ” (<i>exc.</i>)	Lansd. MSS. 964, 994.
Nott.	Thurgarton	Harl. MS. 972.
Southt.	Tichfield (<i>abstract</i>)	— 1602, 3.
Nthld.	Tinmouth (<i>excerpta</i>)	Cott. MS. Vitell. E. v.
Monm.	Tintern	Arund. MS. 19.
	— (<i>excerpta</i>)	Harl. MSS. 1087, 3648, 5804.
	Trim, v. Westbury.	
Staff.	Tutbury, (<i>transcript</i>)	Add. MS. 6714.
Chest.	Vale Royal (<i>transcript</i>)	Harl. MS. 2064.
Linc.	Vaudry, (<i>Cartæ</i>)	Harl. Charters.

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County.	Monasteries.	Number of MS.
Ess.	Walden "Pentelowe" .	Harl. MS. 3697.
	—	Arund. MS. 29.
	— (<i>Historia</i>) . . .	Cott. MS. Vesp. E. vi.
Staff.	Walshall	— Nero, C. xii.
Norf.	Walsingham	— Nero, E. vii.
Ess.	Waltham	— Tib. C. ix.
	—	Harl. MS. 391.
	— "Fuller"	— 3739.
	—	— 4809.
Bedf.	Wardon (<i>imperfect</i>) . .	— 4765.
Nott.	Welbeck	— 3640.
	— (<i>excerpta</i>) . . .	Lansd. MS. 207.
Glouc.	Westbury, or Trim, . .	Cott. MS. Nero, E. i.
Midd.	Westminster, "St. Peter's"	— Claud. A. viii.
	—	— Faust. A. iii.
	— "St. Stephen's" . .	— — B. viii.
Worc.	Westwood	— Vesp. E. ix.
	— (<i>transcript</i>) . . .	Lansd. MS. 227.
Cumb.	Wetherell (<i>transcript</i>) .	Harl. MS. 1881.
Lanc.	Whalley (<i>see</i> Stanlaw) .	Lansd. MS. 973.
	—	Add. MS. 10,374.
York.	Whitby	— 1715.
	Wigenhall, v. Crabhouse.	
	Wigmore, "Liber Ni- ger"	Harl. MS. 1240.
Camb.	Wilburgham	Cott. MS. Nero, C. ix.
Wilts.	Wilton (<i>Saxon</i>)	Harl. MS. 436.
Southt.	Winchester, "St. Cross" .	— 1616.
	— "St. Swithin," (<i>Saxon</i>)	Add. MS. 15,350.
Berk.	Windsor Coll. (<i>excerpta</i>) .	Lansd. MS. 939.
Worc.	Worcester, (<i>Saxon</i>) "He- ming"	Cott. MS. Tib. A. xiii.
	— (<i>transcript. cartar.</i>)	Harl. MS. 460.
	— <i>fragment</i>	Cott. MS. Nero, E. i.
	— (<i>excerpta</i>)	— Vitell. C. ix.

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County.	Monasteries.	Number of MS.
Heref.	Wormesley	Harl. MS. 3586.
Norf.	Wymondham	Cott. MS. Tit. C. viii.
—	—	— Otho, B. iv.
Southt.	Wynteney (<i>Calendarium</i>) .	— Claud. D. iii.
York.	York, "St. Peter's" . . .	Cott. MS. Claud. B. iii.
	—	— Galba, E. x.
	—	— Vitell. A. ii.
	— "Grenefeld" . . .	Arund. MS. 17.
	— "St. Mary's" . . .	Harl. MS. 236.
	— "Leonard's Hos- pital"	Cott. MS. Nero, D. iii.
	— "Corpus Christi Gild"	Lansd. MS. 403.
	— "Archiepiscop." .	— 492.

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1, 2 — King's — Arund. and Burn. — Add.

(1783-1835)—(1836-1840) — (1841-1845).

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Atholl; King's.

Breadalbane; Add. (1836-1840).

Dunblane; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 336—Add. (1836-1840).Edinburgh; Cotton—Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 126, 336—Add. (1783-1835) — (1836-1840) — (1841-
1845).Stirling; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 180.See also, Hooper's "Catalogue of the Cottonian Library."
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Bangor; Cotton—Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 99, 339—Add.
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 Brecknock; Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 104, 339—Add. (1836-
 1840)—(1841-1845).
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 1840)—(1841-1845).
 Carmarthen; Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 108, 339—Add. (1783-
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 Conway; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 119—Add. (1783-1835)—
 (1841-1845).
 Denbigh; Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 122, 340—Add. (1783-
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 Flint; Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 130, 340—Add. (1783-1835)
 —(1841-1845).
 Glamorgan; Cotton—Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 133, 340—
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 Landaff; Cotton—Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 340.
 Merioneth; Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 157, 340—Add. (1841-
 1845).
 Neath; Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).
 Pembroke; Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 167, 340—Add. (1783-
 1835).
 Radnor; Harl. *v.* iv. *pp.* 170, 348.

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1835)—(1841-1845).

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County.	Monasteries.	Number of MS.
Caern.	Aberconway	Harl. MS. 3725.
Carm.	Alba Landa, (<i>excerpta</i> <i>cartar.</i>)	— 2101.
Flint.	Basingwerk (<i>excerpta</i> <i>cartar.</i>)	— 2060, 2079, 2099.
Carm.	Carmarthen, "St. John," (<i>Collectanea</i>)	— 1549.
Caern.	Clynnock Vaur (<i>confirmat.</i>)	— 696.
Merion.	Kymmer (<i>cartæ</i>)	— 696.
Glam.	Landaff (<i>Chronicon</i>) . .	Cott. MS. Tit. D. xxii.
	— (<i>Annales</i>)	Harl. MS. 838.
Card.	Llandewi Brewi (<i>cartæ</i>) .	— 1249.
	Llanrust (<i>Collectanea</i>) .	— 67.
Glam.	Margam (<i>cartæ</i>)	Harleian Charters.
	— (<i>excerpta</i>)	Harl. MS. 2273.
Pembr.	St. David's (<i>cartæ</i>) . . .	— 1294.
Card.	Strata Florida (<i>cartæ</i>) .	— 6068.
Glam.	Swansea (<i>cartæ</i>)	— 1249.

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Carrick-on-Suir; Add. (1836-1840).

Cork; Harl. v. iv. pp. 199, 340—Add. (1783-1835)
—(1836-1840).Dublin; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 125, 340—Lansd. 2
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1845).

Galway, [Galloway]; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 132.

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1835)—(1836-1840).Ulster; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 186, 341—Add.
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Alderney; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 341—Lansd. 2.

Anglesey; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. p. 97—Add. (1783-
1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).Guernsey; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 135, 341—
Lansd. 1, 2—King's—Hargrave—Add. (1783-
1835)—(1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

Hebrides; King's—Add. (1783-1835).

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EUROPE (*General Hist.*); Cotton — King's — Add.
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ICELAND; Sloane Cat. p. 354—Cotton—Lansd. 2—Add.
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DENMARK; Sloane Cat. p. 352—Cotton*—Harl. v. iv.
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Holstein; Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

SCANDINAVIA; Add. (1836-1840).

SWEDEN; Sloane Cat. p. 352 — Cotton — Harl. v. iv.
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NORWAY; Sloane Cat. p. 352 — Cotton — Add. (1783-
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RUSSIA; Cotton—Harl. v. iv. pp. 172, 342—Lansd. 1—
King's—Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

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Cattaro; Add. (1836-1840)—(1841-1845).

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HERALDRY AND GENEALOGY.

No portion of the manuscript Collections is perhaps in more general use, than that which embraces information upon Genealogical and Topographical subjects; and it is probable, that no country in Europe possesses a richer store of materials, for the illustration of this portion of its national history.

References have already been given at page 177, to the principal Topographical Collections. Among the Genealogical—which will be chiefly found in the Sloane, Harleian, Lansdowne, and Additional Collections—the most important are those generally known as the “Heralds’ Visitations.”

The Heralds were first incorporated in the reign of Richard III., and their province appears to have at that time extended no further, than the preventing more than one family from using the same escutcheon. It was evident, however, that the advantages to be derived from their institution, were such as resulted from the confidence with which the public resorted to their archives, and were determined by their reports. That their investigations, therefore, might be as general as possible, a *Visitation* of each county was decreed by the Earl Marshal, and confirmed by warrant under the privy seal. The most ancient Visitation on record, appears to have been made in the 14th year of Henry IV. [1412], and others, in the reigns of Edward IV. and Henry VII., of which imperfect documents only have reached us.

The first Visitation by warrant, took place in the year 1528, when a commission was granted, and executed by Thos. Benolt, *Clar.* for the cos. of Gloucester, Worcester, Oxford, Wilts, Berks, and Stafford. From this time,

until the close of the XVIIth. century, visits were regularly made every twenty-five or thirty years. The last, which was that of the county of Southampton, was made by Sir Henry St. George, *Clar.*, in the year 1686.

The *register books*, kept by the Heralds and their assistants, during these Visitations, contain the pedigrees and arms of the nobility and gentry, signed by the heads of the respective families, and are of the highest value to genealogists. Unfortunately, many of these books are now lost, and those which remain, are scattered among the public and private libraries of the kingdom. Of these, the Library of Queen's College, Oxford, contains *forty* volumes, and that of Caius College, Cambridge, *fifty-four*, but by far the greatest Collection known is that in the Harleian Library, which amounts to upwards of 200 volumes.*

A useful Catalogue of the latter Collection was printed by the late Sir H. Nicolas, in the year 1825,† which was followed in 1849, by the publication of a copious "Index" to the Pedigrees and Arms contained in about 250 of the principal volumes mentioned in that book.‡

The importance of this branch of history has induced us to compile a list of references to Pedigrees, &c. of English families, not included in the latter work; together with a brief Catalogue of the "Heralds' Visitations," abridged from Sir H. Nicolas' book, with additions and corrections, down to the present time.

* For a further account of the "Heralds' Visitations," see Gutch's "Collectanea Curiosa," vol. ii. *pp.* 210, 256, and Moule's "Bibliotheca Heraldica," *p.* 560.

† "Catalogue of the Heralds' Visitations, &c. &c., in the British Museum." *Lond.* 1825, 8vo.

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Rich, *or* Riche; Harl. v. iv. p. 409—Chart. Cat. v. iii.

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Rookwood; Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—Chart. Cat. v. iii.

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Sandys, *or* Sandes; Harl. v. iv. p. 409—Add. (1783-1835)—Chart. Cat. v. iii.
Saumaise; Add. (1836-1840).
Savage; Harl. v. iv. p. 409—Lansd. Rolls, 7, 8—Cat. Add. Chart. v. i.—Add. (1783-1835).
Say; Harl. v. iv. p. 409—Add. (1783-1835)—Chart. Cat. v. iii.
Scott; Harl. v. iv. p. 409—Add. (1783-1835)—Chart. Cat. v. iii.
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Shirley; Harl. v. iv. p. 410—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—Harl. Roll, O. 17.
Sidney, *or* Sydney; Harl. v. iv. p. 411—Add. (1783-1835)—Chart. Cat. v. iii.
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- Stafford; Harl. v. iv. p. 410 — Lansd. 2 — Add. (1783-
1835)—(1841-1845)—Cat. Add. Chart. v. i.—
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- Stanhope; Harl. v. iv. p. 410—Add. (1783-1835).
- Stanley; Harl. v. iv. p. 410—Add. (1783-1835)—Harl.
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Chart. Cat. v. iii.
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- Stoughton; Harl. v. iv. p. 411—Add. (1783-1835).
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- Welles; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 413—Add. (1783-1835)—Chart. Cat. *v.* iii.
- Wellesley; Add. (1841-1845).
- Wentworth; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 413—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—Chart. Cat. *v.* iii.
- West; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 414—Add. (1783-1835)—Chart. Cat. *v.* iii.
- Wharton; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 414—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835).
- Wideville, *v.* Woodville.
- Wigley; Add. (1783-1835).
- Wildegos; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 414—Harl. Roll, A. 1.
- Willis; Add. (1783-1835).
- Willoughby; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 414—Lansd. 2—Add. (1783-1835)—Cat. Add. Chart. *v.* i. — Chart. Cat. *v.* iii.
- Wilmot; Add. (1783-1835).
- Windsor; Harl. *v.* iv. *p.* 414—Add. (1783-1835)—Harl. Roll, P. 8—Chart. Cat. *v.* iii.
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Harl. Roll, P. 4.

Wrottesley; Harl. v. iv. p. 415—Harl. Roll, O. 12.

Wynne; Add. (1783-1835)—(1841-1845).

Wynyngton, v. Winnington.

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1835)—Chart. Cat. v. iii.

HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

* * * The whole of the Pedigrees, and Arms, con-
tained in the Manuscripts bearing this (†) mark, will be
found *indexed* in Sims' work, referred to in the note at
page 240.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1566	Harvey	Harl. MS. †1531
—	—	— †4600
—	—	— †5867 (art. 2)
1582	Cooke	— †5186
—	— (<i>with additions</i>). .	— †2109
1634	St. George and Burrough (by Owen)	— †4108

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HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

BERKSHIRE.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1531	Benolte	Add. MS. †12,479
1566	Harvey	Harl. MS. †1139
—	—	— †1532
—	—	— 5867
—	—	— †1081
—	—	Add. MS. †14,283
1623	Camden (by Chitting and Philipot)	Harl. MS. †1532
—	—	— †4108
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	Add. MS. †4961
—	—	— †14,283
1664	Bysshe	Harl. MS. †1530
—	—	— †1483
—	—	Add. MS. †14,284

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

1566	Harvey	Harl. MS. †5181
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1429, ff. 68-84
—	—	— 5867
1574	Cooke (by Lee)	— †1139
—	—	— †1533
1634	St. George and Burrough (by Philipot and Ryley)	— †1533
—	—	— †1102
—	—	— †1151
—	—	— †1193
—	— (<i>imperfect</i>)	— †1234
—	—	— †1136
—	—	— †1391, f. 12

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HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1575	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1534
1590	—	Add. MS. 16,940
1619	Camden (by St. George) (<i>with additions</i>)	Harl. MS. †1534
—	— —	— †1043, <i>f.</i> 53
—	—	— †1401
—	—	— { †6769
—	—	— { †6770
—	—	Add. MS. †4962

CHESHIRE.

1533	Benolte	Harl. MS. †2076, <i>f.</i> 11
1580	Flower (by Glover) . . .	— †1505
—	—	— †1424, <i>f.</i> 12 ^b
—	—	— †5182
1591	Chaloner (Fragment of ORIGINAL Visitation) . .	— †2163, <i>f.</i> 71
1612	St. George	— †1535, <i>f.</i> 35

CORNWALL.

1531	Benolte	Add. MS. †14,315
1573	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1079
1620	Camden (by St. George and Lennard)	— †1079
—	— — — — — (part of ORIGINAL Visi- tation)	— †1162
—	— (remaining part) . . .	— †1164
—	—	— †1142
—	—	— †1149

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HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

CUMBERLAND.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1615	St. George	Harl. MS. †1374, <i>f.</i> 12
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1536

DERBYSHIRE.

1569	Flower	Harl. MS. †886
—	—	— †2134, <i>f.</i> 99
—	—	— †6592
—	—	— †2113, <i>f.</i> 34
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1484, <i>f.</i> 23
—	—	— †1093
1611	St. George	— †1093
—	—	— †1153, <i>f.</i> 93
—	—	— †1486, <i>f.</i> 23
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1537
—	—	Eg. MS. †996
1662	Dugdale	Harl. MS. †6104

DEVONSHIRE.

1531	Benolte	Add. MS. †14,315
1564	Harvey	Harl. MS. †3288, <i>f.</i> 25
—	—	— †5185
—	—	— †1567
—	—	— †1399
—	—	— †5840
—	—	— †5871
—	—	— †1091
—	—	Add. MS. †14,288
1565	—	Harl. MS. †1080, <i>f.</i> 364
1620	Camden (by St. George and Lennard)	— †1080 <i>ff.</i> 1-363 ^b
—	— (part of the ORI- GINAL Visitation)	— †1163
—	— (remaining part)	— †1164

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HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

DORSETSHIRE.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1565	Harvey (<i>with additions</i>)	Harl. MS. †2186
—	—	— †888, <i>f.</i> 37
—	—	— †1153, <i>f.</i> 69
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1092.
—	— (<i>fragment</i>) . .	— †1046, <i>f.</i> A.
		<i>ff.</i> 126, 181
—	—	— †1451
—	—	— †1539
1623	Camden (by St. George and Lennard) . . .	— †1451
—	—	— †1539
—	— (ORIGINAL Visit.)	— †1166

DURHAM.

1575	Flower	Harl. MS. †1171, <i>f.</i> 65
—	—	— †1540
1615	St. George (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1540
—	—	— †1153, <i>f.</i> 48 ^b
—	—	— †1397, <i>f.</i> 201
—	—	— †1168

ESSEX.

1552	Hawley	Add. MS. 7098
1558	Harvey (<i>with additions</i>)	Harl. MS. †1137, <i>f.</i> 11
—	—	— †1484, <i>f.</i> 52
1590	Cooke	Add. MS. 16,940
1612	Camden (by Owen and Lilly)	Harl. MS. †6065
1634	St. George and Burrough	— †1083
—	— —	— 7017, (art. 40)
—	— (<i>with additions</i>) .	— †1542

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HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1583	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1041, <i>f.</i> 18
1623	Camden (by Chitting and Philipot)	— †1041, <i>f.</i> 77 ^b
1583	} — (<i>with additions</i>) .	— †1543
1623		

HAMPSHIRE.

1531	Benolte	Harl. MS. †1544
1552	Hawley	Add. MS. 7098, <i>f.</i> 80
1563	—	— 17,065
1575	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1544
—	—	— †1139
—	—	— 1186
—	—	— 1483, <i>f.</i> 167
—	—	Add. MS. 16,940
—	—	— 17,065
1622	Camden (by Philipot). .	Harl. MS. †1544

HEREFORDSHIRE.

1586	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1159
—	— (<i>with additions</i>) .	— †1545

HERTFORDSHIRE.

1572	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1546
—	—	— †6147
—	— (<i>with additions</i>) .	— †1433
—	—	— †1504
1634	St. George and Burrough	— †1504, <i>f.</i> 130
—	— — . . .	— †1547
—	— — . . .	— †1234, <i>f.</i> 112

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HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1564	Harvey (by Cotgrave)	Harl. MS. †890, <i>f.</i> 99
1613	Camden (by Nich. Charles)	— †1179
—	—	— †1075
—	—	Cott. MS. Julius F. viii

KENT.

1574	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1484, <i>f.</i> 60
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	Add. MS. †5532
—	—	— 16,279
1589	— (fragment of ORIGINAL Visitation)	Harl. MS. †1196, <i>ff.</i> 104-109, and <i>f.</i> 112
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †2198, <i>f.</i> 86
1619	Camden (by Philipot).	— †1106
—	—	— †1432
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1548
—	— —	Add. MS. †5507
—	— (<i>fine copy</i>).	— †5526
—	—	— 16,279
1623	Segar	— 8932
1665	Bysshe	— 8931

LANCASHIRE.

1533	Benolte (by Fellows) (ORI- GINAL Visit.)	Harl. MS. †2076, <i>f.</i> 11
1567	Flower	— †2086
—	—	— †891, <i>f.</i> 59
—	—	— †1468, <i>f.</i> 12
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1549
—	— —	— †6159
1613	St. George	— †1437

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HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1563		Add. MS. 17,065, <i>f.</i> 125
1619	Camden (by Lennard and Vincent)	Harl. MS. †6125
—	—	— †6183
—	—	— †1431
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1180
—	—	— †1187, <i>f.</i> 97
—	—	— †1189

LINCOLNSHIRE.

1564	Harvey (by Cooke)	Harl. MS. †1190
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1484, <i>f.</i> 3
—	—	— †1550
1592	Cooke (by Lee)	— †1550
—	— —	Add. MS. 16,940

LONDON.

1568	Cooke (<i>with additions</i>)	Harl. MS. †1463
1634	St. George	— †1476

MIDDLESEX.

1663	Bysshe (by Ryley and Dethicke)	Harl. MS. †1468, <i>f.</i> 112
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Note.—A copy of the Visitation of 1663 has been printed.

NORFOLK.

1563	Harvey	Harl. MS. †4755
—	—	— †5189
—	—	— †1177, <i>f.</i> 98
—	—	— †6093

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HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

NORFOLK—(*continued*).

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1563	Harvey (<i>fragments</i>) . . .	Harl. MS. †1174, <i>ff.</i> 116 and 153
—	—	— †6166, (<i>art.</i> 2)
—	—	— †1552
1589	Cooke	— †1552
1613	Camden (by Raven) . . .	— †5823
—	—	— †1154, <i>ff.</i> 43-61, 64-70 ^b

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

1566	Harvey (by Cotgrave) . . .	Harl. MS. †890
—	— (<i>with additions</i>) . . .	— †1171, <i>f.</i> 19
—	—	— †1138
—	—	— †1553
1618	Camden (by Vincent) . . .	— †1553
—	— (<i>with additions</i>) . . .	— †1094
—	—	— †1184
—	— (<i>val. copy</i>)	— †1187, <i>f.</i> 10
—	— (<i>fragment</i>)	— †1084, <i>f.</i> 15
—	— (<i>part only</i>)	— †1188

NORTHUMBERLAND.

1575	Flower	Harl. MS. †1554
1615	St. George (<i>with additions</i>) . . .	— †1554
—	—	— †1448
—	— (<i>imperfect</i>)	— †1153, <i>f.</i> 50

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

1530	Tonge	Harl. MS. †1499, <i>f.</i> 41
1569	Flower (<i>with additions</i>) . . .	— †886, <i>f.</i> 52
—	—	— †1555
1614	St. George (<i>with additions</i>) . . .	— †1555
—	—	— †1400
—	—	— †1082, <i>f.</i> 64

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HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

OXFORDSHIRE.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1566	Harvey	Harl. MS. †1097
—	—	— 5867
1574	Cooke (by Lee)	Lansd. MS. †880
—	—	Harl. MS. †5187
—	—	— †808
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1556
—	—	— †6166, <i>f.</i> 138
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1095
—	—	— †1412(<i>art.</i> 29)
1634	St. George and Burrough (by Philipot and Ryley)	— †1480
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1557

RUTLANDSHIRE.

1618	Camden (by Vincent) (<i>with additions</i>)	Harl. MS. †1558
—	— — —	— †1094, <i>f.</i> 230

SHROPSHIRE.

1584	Cooke (by Lee)	Harl. MS. †1241
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †6172
—	—	Add. MS. †14,314
1623	Camden (by Treswell and Vincent) (<i>with additions</i>)	Harl. MS. †1396
—	— — —	— †1982
—	— (<i>imperfect</i>)	— †1472

SOMERSETSHIRE.

1531	Benolte	Add. MS. †14,315
1573	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1385
—	—	— †1559
—	—	Add. MS. 17,065

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HERALDS' VISITATIONS.

SOMERSETSHIRE—(*continued*).

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1591	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1559
1623	Camden (by St. George and Lennard) (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1559
—	—	— †1445
—	— (ORIGINAL Visitation)	— †1141

STAFFORDSHIRE.

15—	Part of an early Visitation, apparently ORIGINAL .	Harl. MS. †2113 (art. 14)
1563	Flower	— †886, <i>f.</i> 65
1583	— (by Glover)	— †1570
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1077
—	—	— †1415, <i>f.</i> 105
—	—	— †6128
—	—	Lansd. MS. 843, <i>f.</i> 98
—	—	Harl. MS. †1173
1614	St. George (<i>unfinished</i>)	— †1173, <i>f.</i> 112
—	—	— †1439
1663	Dugdale	— †6104

SUFFOLK.

1561	Harvey	Harl. MS. †155
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1103
—	—	— †1177
—	— (<i>with many addits.</i>)	— †1449
—	—	— †1560
1577?	—	— †891
1611	Camden (by Raven)	— †1560
—	—	— †1820, <i>f.</i> 11
—	“Copie of a Booke of the Vicytation of Suffolke.” The Pedigrees are dated in 1581	— †1484, <i>f.</i> 41

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SURREY.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1530	Benolte	Harl. MS. †1561.
1552	Hawley	Add. MS. 7098.
1572	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1561.
—	—	— †1433, <i>f.</i> 25 ^b
—	—	Add MS. 17,065.
1623	Camden (by Thompson and Vincent) (<i>with additions</i>)	Harl. MS. †1561.
—	— —	— †1433, <i>f.</i> 1.
—	— —	— †1147.
—	— (<i>with ch. notes</i>)	— †1397, <i>f.</i> 38 ^b
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1430.
—	—	— †1046, <i>ff.</i> 1 ^b
—	—	— 22, and 189.
—	—	— 5830.
—	— (<i>with val. addits.</i>)	Add. MS. †4963.
—	—	— †12,478.
—	—	— †14,311.
1662	Bysshe	— †5533.

SUSSEX.

1530	Benolte	Harl. MS. †1562.
1572	Cooke	Add. MS. 17,065.
1574	—	Harl. MS. †1484, <i>f.</i> 60 ^b
1633	St. George and Burrough (by Philipot and Owen)	— †1562.
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1076.
—	—	— †1084, <i>f.</i> 22.
—	—	— †1135.
—	—	— †1406.
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1194.
—	—	— †4109.
—	— (<i>fine copy, on vell.</i>)	— †6164.

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WARWICKSHIRE.

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1563	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1563.
1619	Camden (by Lennard and Vincent)	— †1563.
—	— — —	— †1167.
—	— — —	— †1100.

WESTMORELAND.

1615	St. George	Harl. MS. †1435.
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WILTSHIRE.

1565	Harvey	Harl. MS. †888.
—	—	— †1111, f. 28.
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1181.
—	— (<i>with considerable additions</i>)	— †1565.
—	—	— †5184.
1623	Camden (by St. George and Lennard) ORIGINAL Visitation	— †1165.
—	—	— †1443.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

1569	Cooke	Harl. MS. †1043, f. 13.
—	— (<i>with additions</i>)	— †1352.
—	— — —	— †1486.
—	— — —	— †1566.

YORKSHIRE.

1530	Tonge (ORIGINAL Visitation)	Harl. MS. †1499, f. 41.
—	—	— †1487.

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YORKSHIRE—(*continued*).

Date of Visitation.	By whom made.	Number of MS.
1575	Flower	Harl. MS. †1171, ff. 1, 39 ^b , 46 ^b , 51, 52.
1584	— (by Glover) . . .	— †1487.
—	—	— †1394.
—	—	— †1415.
—	— (<i>part only</i>) . . .	— — f. 48.
—	— (<i>with additions</i>) .	— †1420.
—	—	— †6070.
—	—	Lansd. MS. 900, f. 81.
—	—	Add. MS. 17,065.
—	—	— 18,011.
1612	St. George	— †1487.
1664	Dugdale	Lansd. MS. 826, f. 100.
—	— (<i>Entry book</i>) . .	Add. MS. 12,482.

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The Collection of Seals is very large and fine, and may
be divided into three separate classes, viz.—

- i. Seals attached to original deeds.
- ii. Detached seals.
- iii. Sulphur impressions.

The *first* mentioned are by far the most numerous, and
will be found chiefly in the Harleian Collection of Charters.
Of this class there is no *separate* Catalogue, but the
existence of each seal is noted in the Charter Catalogues
by the words *cum sig.* [cum sigillo], which are added at
the end of the description of every document, to which a
seal is attached.

The *second* class, namely, the *detached* seals, or those
which had been separated from the original deeds previous
to their becoming the property of the Trustees, amounted
in the year 1845 to about 650 impressions. Nearly the
whole of these are described in the printed "Lists of

Additions” for the years 1834-1845 inclusive. For the convenience of “Readers,” copies of the descriptions have been *laid down* in a *thin folio volume*, and placed upon the shelves of the “Reading Rooms.” Further and fuller descriptions of the greater part of these seals, will be found in *manuscript*, in a volume entitled,

“CATALOGUE OF SEALS, ORIGINAL AND RECENT IMPRESSIONS, 1848.” *Folio*.

There is an index at the end of the volume.

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VIII.—*CATALOGUE OF PRINTED BOOKS OF
REFERENCE, &c.*

It has already been mentioned (page 11), that the walls of the "Reading Rooms" are lined with presses, in which are placed a selection of printed books of reference, indispensably necessary to students of all denominations. The presses, one hundred and twenty-four in number, are open to the "Reader's" use, without the intervention of an attendant, and contain a valuable and carefully selected library of Historical works, more especially those relating to English County History; Bibles and Bible Histories; Parliamentary Journals and Reports; Records of the Realm; Voyages and Travels; Geographical Works; Atlases; Memoirs and Biographical Dictionaries; Encyclopædias; Dictionaries and Grammars; English and Foreign Classics; Magazines; Journals; Transactions of Societies; Heraldic and Genealogical Works; Directories; Calendars, &c.; amounting in all to upwards of three thousand separate works.

A List of the Collection, *in manuscript*, is kept in the room, in which the *press-mark* of each work is added in the margin.

The books are at present arranged in classes, in a manner which we have endeavoured to render intelligible to the "reader" by the accompanying plan.

It should be observed with respect to the Periodical Publications and Works in progress, that, want of sufficient space has prevented the placing of *entire sets* of Journals, Magazines, &c., upon the shelves of the

Classics. (Foreign.) Classics. (English). Dictionaries and Grammars. Lexicons. Encyclopædias. Biographical Dictionaries. Atlases. Geography. Voy. & Trav. Gazetteers.	The Barrier. Magazines. Journals. (English.) Reviews. Bible Societies. Phil. Trans. Academies. History. Nat. Hist. Archaeol. Medicine. Heraldry Directories. Calendars. Genealogy.
	Staircase.
Public Acts. CATALOGUE OF MAPS. CATALOGUE OF PRINTED BOOKS. Parliamentary History. Gazette. Public, Private, and Local Acts. CATALOGUE OF PRINTED BOOKS & MUSIC. Commons' Journals. Cat. of Libraries. London County Histories. CATALOGUE OF PRINTED BOOKS. General History.	Parliamentary Papers. CATALOGUES OF MANUSCRIPTS. Lords' Journals. Parliamentary History. Parliamentary Reports. Public Records. Law.

“Reading Rooms,” and that, as a general rule, no portion of works of this class, published before the year 1840, will be found there.

In furtherance of the design of our little work, it has been deemed necessary to furnish the “reader,” with a Catalogue of useful Historical and Bibliographical works, the majority of which will be found in the valuable collection, so liberally placed at his disposal by the authorities of the Museum.

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APPENDIX.

BRIEF NOTICES OF THE PRINCIPAL LIBRARIES IN LONDON.

THE London libraries of most note, in addition to the one which forms the subject of the present work, are about twenty-nine in number ; and although they cannot all be strictly termed "Public," are, nevertheless, for the most part, so easily accessible to applicants, and their contents so valuable and important, that we feel justified in rendering a brief notice of each for the information of our readers.

There is but one library in the United Kingdom which can be denominated "Public" according to the strict acceptation of the term, namely, that belonging to the Chetham College in Manchester, the contents of which are, in pursuance of the founder's Will, unrestrictedly and gratuitously accessible to all. Any person, no matter how humble his station, or homely his appearance may be, nor whencesoever he may come, has a right to demand a sight of any book in the library, the only form required from him being, the insertion of his name and address in a book kept for that purpose.

In London there are two libraries which assimilate very nearly, as to the mode of admission, to that at Manchester, namely, those founded by Dr. Williams, and by Dr. Tenison, Archbishop of Canterbury. At the former, the regulations are of so liberal a nature, that no respectable applicant will be refused permission to consult its contents; whilst the latter is open, 'without fee or reward,' to all persons resident within the united parishes of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Anne, St. James, and St. George, Westminster.

Admission to the other libraries is more or less restricted, according to the nature of the Institutions to which they belong ; some being gratuitously accessible of right, but only on production of some special recommendation, whilst others are the property of Corporate or Proprietary

bodies, to which admission is given, on certain conditions, as a matter of favour.

The following is a list of the Libraries noticed in the subsequent pages, together with the present number of Printed Books and Manuscripts in each, as far as we have been enabled to ascertain them.

Libraries.	Printed Books.	Manuscripts.
Antiquarian Society	7,000	—
Asiatic Society	3,200	800
Botanical Society	—	—
British Museum	*510,110	34,434
City of London	20,000	—
College of Arms	—	—
Congregational	3,000	—
East India House	10,000	7,000
Geographical Society	6,000	—
Incorporated Law Society . .	6,000	—
Lambeth Palace	25,000	1,200
Lincoln's Inn	27,000	900
Linnæan Society	10,000	—
London Institution	60,000	—
London Library	64,000	—
Medical Society	—	—
Medical and Chirurgical Society	20,000	—
Pharmaceutical Society . . .	—	—
Quakers'	—	—
Royal Institution	26,000	—
Royal Society	50,000	500
Russell Institution	17,500	—
St. Paul's	7,000	—
Sion College	40,000	387
Temple (Inner)	16,000	500
Temple (Middle)	20,000	—
Tenison's	4,000	90
Westminster	12,000	—
Williams's, (Dr.)	20,000	300
Total	983,810	46,111

* According to a 'Return' made to Parliament, since the statement at *page 87* of this work was printed.

The principal sources from whence we have derived our information are, the 'Reports on Public Libraries,' published in 1849; Mr. Botfield's excellent work upon 'Cathedral Libraries;' Mr. Cunningham's 'Handbook for London;' and Dr. Hume's 'Learned Societies;' whilst many important *memoranda* have—in nearly every instance—been kindly furnished to us by the Librarians themselves.

ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY,

SOMERSET HOUSE.

LIBRARIAN—*Mr. Ireland.*

The first Society of Antiquaries in this country was formed in 1572, by a few eminent scholars of that day, and members were admitted until 1604, about which time it was dissolved by King James I. The Society was reconstituted in the year 1717, and the first election of officers made. In 1750 a petition was unanimously agreed upon to the king for a royal charter of incorporation, and obtained in the following year, under the name of the 'President, Council, and Fellows, of the Society of Antiquaries of London.' The Society removed to Somerset House in 1781, where appropriate apartments had been granted them, and where their meetings are at present held.

The Library is extensive and valuable, consisting chiefly of works illustrative of the History and Antiquities of this country. A fine copy of the 'Boke of St. Alban's;' the 'Northumberland Household Book;' the 'Mozarabic Missal;' and a collection of Proclamations, extending from an early period to the year 1656, in 14 volumes, are more particularly deserving of notice.

Among the Manuscripts may be mentioned the Winton Domesday Book; several Registers of the Abbey of Peterborough, of the xiiith and xivth centuries; Dr. John Thorpe's Collections for Kent; Mr. Habington's

Worcestershire Collections; State Papers; Papers on Coinage; Genealogical Rolls, &c.

A Catalogue of the books and manuscripts was printed in 1816, in one volume quarto. A supplemental volume is in course of preparation by Sir Henry Ellis, the Secretary of the Society.

The Books are lent to the Fellows, who sign a book for them. Strangers are permitted to read by a member's introduction. The Library is open from ten till five, throughout the year.

The Election is by ballot. Every member, by the new regulations, pays an admission fee of five guineas, and two guineas annually, or an additional sum of twenty-five guineas to the admission fee, to be constituted a member for life. The Society's meetings are held on Thursdays from seven to nine in the evening.

ASIATIC SOCIETY,

5, NEW BURLINGTON STREET.

This Society was founded in 1823, for the investigation and encouragement of Arts, Sciences, and Literature, in relation to Asia.

The Library is rich in Oriental Manuscripts and Chinese books, the former amounting to about 800, and the latter to 450 volumes. The total number of volumes is about 4,000. Its Museum contains some valuable collections of coins, models, figures, marbles, inscriptions, and other objects of interest.

A Catalogue of the Manuscripts is now in the printer's hands.

Election by ballot. Resident members pay an admission fee of five guineas, and an annual subscription of three guineas. Non-resident members do not pay the annual subscription. It may be compounded for originally for thirty guineas; after two annual payments, for twenty-five; and after four or more annual payments, for twenty.

The meetings are held on the first and third Saturdays in every month, from November to June inclusive (except those in May, and the Saturdays preceding Easter, Whitsuntide, and Christmas) at two o'clock.

BOTANICAL SOCIETY,

20, BEDFORD STREET, COVENT GARDEN.

The "Botanical Society" was instituted on the 29th of November, 1836, for the promotion of Botanical Science; the formation of British and General Herbaria; the exchange of Specimens; the establishment of a Library for reference and circulation; and the holding of Evening Meetings for the reception of papers and other communications, to be published from time to time.

The Society possesses an extensive Herbarium, which is open to the inspection of the members and botanists every Friday evening, from 7 to 10 o'clock. There is also a lending Library for the members, containing some excellent works.

Election by ballot. The admission fee is one guinea, and the annual contribution one guinea for resident, and half-a-guinea for non-resident members. In either case, composition is accepted at the rate of seven years' purchase.

The meetings are held on the first Friday in every month, at eight o'clock in the evening.

CITY OF LONDON LIBRARY,

GUILDHALL.

LIBRARIAN—*William Turner Alchin, Esq.*

This fine Library was founded about twenty-two years since, by the Court of Common Council, chiefly through the exertions and instrumentality of Richard Lambert Jones and Richard Taylor, Esqs., late members of the

Court. The more special objects of its institution was, to collect all matters relating to the City of London, the Borough of Southwark, and the County of Middlesex; and in this department the Library is peculiarly rich and copious, from the most trifling ephemeral Tract, to the more serious History, as well as in Maps, Prints, and Drawings, illustrative of those places. There is also a large and valuable collection of works on History, Topography, Antiquities, Biography, and Humanity; a very large collection of early printed Plays and Pageants, &c., connected with the City, and an innumerable collection of Tracts of great rarity, many of which are not to be met with in other repositories. In an appropriate case is Shakespeare's own signature, attached to a deed of conveyance, for which the Corporation of London gave the sum of £147. The present number of volumes is roughly estimated at about 22,000, but the amount is continually increasing, a liberal fund being allowed annually for fresh accessions.

Among the principal donors may be mentioned, Mr. Serjeant Merewether, the Town Clerk; Edward Tyrrell, Esq., the Remembrancer; Thomas Saunders, Esq., the Comptroller; and the late Mr. Deputy Whitby, who was a large contributor.

Every member of the Corporation has the privilege of introducing a visitor, either personally or by letter; but this rule is not acted upon with minute rigour, and the librarian exercises in this respect what he considers a sound and liberal discretion, and never refuses access to any gentleman, or person of respectable character, however humble.

The Library is open from ten in the morning till five in the afternoon, from the first of April to the end of July, and from the same hour in the morning till four in the afternoon, from the first of September to the first of April (Sundays, Good-Friday, Midsummer-day, Michaelmas-day, Fast and Thanksgiving days by proclamation excepted). It is also closed during the whole month of

August, and from the sixth to the twelfth day of November, both inclusive.

As the Library is not a public one, and exclusively one of reference and consultation, the accommodations are not of that nature as in more extended Institutions; sufficient convenience is, however, afforded to the Court, and visitors introduced by them.

No book, manuscript, print, or drawing, is allowed, on any account, to be taken out of the Library.

There is a printed Catalogue for the use of the members of the Court, but, in consequence of the great increase of books, the Librarian has been instructed to prepare a new classified one.

COLLEGE OF ARMS,

BENNET'S HILL, DOCTORS' COMMONS.

The Heralds' College was incorporated in the first year of the reign of King Richard III., by the name of the 'Kings, Heralds, and Pursuivants of the College of Arms.' The valuable Library belonging to the College is not a "public" one, in the usual interpretation of the term, being supported and maintained chiefly by the transaction of business. The books, as may be conjectured from the nature of the Institution to which they belong, relate almost entirely to the Science of Heraldry, and are said, in this particular, to be unequalled.

The Records, strictly deemed official, may be divided as follows :

1. A series of Visitation Books, containing the Pedigrees and Arms of the nobility and gentry of England, from 21 Hen. VIII to the latter end of the xviith century.
2. Books containing miscellaneous Pedigrees and Arms of nobility and gentry, with important continuations.
3. Books of Pedigrees of peers and baronets.

4. Books of entries of Funeral certificates of the nobility.
5. Books containing accounts of Royal Marriages, Coronations, and Funerals.
6. Earl Marshals' Books from the time of Elizabeth.
7. Above a thousand other volumes in manuscript, containing copies of Visitations, collections of Pedigrees and Arms, and other records applicable to Genealogical and Antiquarian research.

Independent of other miscellaneous collections, relating more immediately to Heralds and Genealogy, there are many volumes of considerable value to the Historian and Topographer. Among the former may be mentioned the celebrated Arundel Library, containing several Chronicles and other volumes of Historical value; as also an important collection of Letters, known as the Shrewsbury Collection, from which Lodge derived his well-known 'Illustrations of British History.' Among the latter, are Cuerden's 'Collections for Lancashire;' Pegge's 'Collections for a History of Derbyshire;' Brookes' 'Collections for Yorkshire;' and some collections for the counties of Essex and Suffolk.

There is no printed Catalogue of the Library, but excellent Indexes to the whole collection have been prepared for the use of persons making application.

The fee for a search is 5s.; that for copying of Pedigrees is 6s. 8d. for the first, and 5s. for every other generation. A general search is £2. 2s.

One of the Heralds and a Pursuivant attend the office in monthly rotation.

The hours of attendance are from ten o'clock till four.

CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY,

4, BLOMFIELD STREET, FINSBURY.

LIBRARIAN—*Edward Churchyard, Esq.*

This is a Proprietary and Subscription Library, and was founded by Joshua Wilson, Esq., in the year 1831,

at which time the Presbyterians separated themselves from the two other denominations of Dissenters.

Dissatisfaction with the state of things at the Red-Cross Street (Dr. Williams's) Library, was one of the causes of the establishment of this Library, which is one of great importance to the Theological student, and has become a valuable Institution, rapidly increasing in usefulness.

The collection is chiefly Theological, in connection with the Society, the Library having been founded for ministers and laymen of the Congregational denomination.

The present number of books is about 3000. There is a MS. catalogue of the collection.

It is not a lending library, nor open to the public generally.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
LEADENHALL STREET.

LIBRARIAN—*Professor Horace Hayman Wilson, M.A.,
F.R.S., &c.*

The Library of the East India House was founded by the Court of Directors about the year 1805-6. The class of literature chiefly represented is Oriental, of which there is a fine collection of Manuscripts, amounting to upwards of 7000 volumes, in nearly all the Eastern languages, more especially in Sanscrit, Arabic, Persian, and Hindustani. There is also an excellent library of books printed both in England and on the Continent, together with copies of all books relating to the history of India and the contiguous countries belonging to the East India Company.

The present number of volumes, including the Manuscripts, is about 17,000.

Among the donors may be mentioned H. T. Colebrooke, Esq., who gave all his collection of Sanscrit manuscripts; the Gaekwar Raja of Guzerat; Dr. Taylor, of Bombay; and Mr. Hodgson, of Nepaul, who gave a large collection of Thibetan manuscripts.

The Library is not strictly a "public" one, but any person bringing a note from a Director, or from any respectable person, is admitted to read in the Library, and is further supplied with pens, ink, and paper, if required. It is open daily from ten o'clock till four, except during the month of September.

The Directors and Officers of the India House have the loan of the books, and they may be lent out to others, under the authority of a member of the Court, or at the discretion of the librarian.

There is a good Catalogue of the printed books, the first volume of which was published in 1845, and a second in 1851, in royal 8vo.

MS. lists of the Manuscripts are kept in the Library.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY,

3, WATERLOO PLACE.

The Royal Geographical Society was established in 1830, for the improvement and diffusion of Geographical knowledge. Its more detailed objects are, to collect, register, digest, and print accounts of new and useful discoveries; to accumulate a Library of reference, consisting of books, charts, maps, &c.; to procure specimens of useful instruments; to prepare brief instructions for travellers, and to correspond with similar Societies abroad and with collateral Societies at home.

The Library contains upwards of 5,000 volumes, more than 1,000 Pamphlets, and from 5,000 to 6,000 Maps and Charts.

Election by ballot. The Fees are £3 at entrance, and either £2 annually, or a composition, which has lately been raised from £17 to £25.

The meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of every month, from the second Monday in November, to the second Monday in June, at half-past eight o'clock.

INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY,

CHANCERY LANE.

The Incorporated Law Society of the United Kingdom was instituted in 1827, and incorporated by charter in 1831. In February, 1845, it was re-incorporated and placed upon its present basis. Its objects are generally to promote professional improvement, and to facilitate the acquisition of legal knowledge.

The Library contains 6,000 volumes.

A candidate for admission, if duly qualified according to the charter, must be proposed by two members, and approved by the Council. The admission Fee is £15, and the annual subscription is £2 for resident, and £1 for non-resident members.

LAMBETH PALACE.

LIBRARIAN—*The Rev. J. Thomas.*

This Library is believed to have been founded by Archbishop Bancroft, in the reign of King James I., but during the Civil Wars the printed books were all seized by Parliament, and by it subsequently bestowed upon the puritanical establishment of Sion College. Upon the Restoration it was demanded by Archbishop Juxon, and was accordingly restored to his successor. This portion of the Library is now kept in the Hall, and was enriched by Archbishop Abbot, who died in 1633, and greatly enlarged by Archbishops Tenison and Secker.

Biblical literature forms one of the most important features in this valuable Library, and, as may be supposed, the Theological department is very extensive, the collection of Critical and Philological writers on the New Testament alone, occupying considerable space in the Catalogue. There is a very large collection of Sermons, and a copious collection of Theological Tracts in 72 volumes. The books relating to the History of Great Britain are particularly

deserving of notice, as well for their number as for their value. The Tracts relating to the most eventful periods of English History are very numerous. The editions of the Classical writers are numerous, and there is a fine collection of Etymological and Bibliographical works.

The Manuscript Library is very fine and valuable. We may particularly mention an important collection of Registers of the Archbishops of Canterbury, from the year 1279—1747, in 41 ponderous volumes;—a fine collection of Papal Bulls and ancient Charters;—a valuable collection of Parliamentary Surveys, in 21 volumes;—Augmentations of Livings, Salaries, and Pensions, in 58 volumes;—an inestimable mass of papers relating to Irish History, principally of the time of Queen Elizabeth, in 42 volumes.

Of Letters, which form so essential a part of History, the Library presents a harvest. It is also rich in manuscripts relating to the History of France. The department of Heraldry and Genealogy is also deserving of particular notice.

Archbishops Abbot, Laud, Sheldon, and Tenison, were distinguished benefactors. Archbishop Secker enriched the Library by the bequest of his entire collection; and the late Archbishop Manners Sutton considerably augmented the Theological class.

The present amount of Printed Books exceeds 25,000, whilst the Manuscripts number upwards of 1,200 volumes. There are scarcely any books of a very recent date in the Library.

The Catalogues of the Library are rather numerous. The first Catalogue of the Printed Books was compiled by Bishop Gibson, in two small folio volumes, and has been continued to the present time. It does not, however, contain the treasures of this extensive collection, for in another volume we find a "Catalogue of the books bequeathed by the late Abp. Secker, A.D. 1768." There are also three other volumes in folio, descriptive of the contents of the Library, two of which contain a Catalogue of the "Tracts and Pamphlets," drawn up by Dr. Ducarel,

when librarian, to which the third volume is the Index.

Of the Records in this Library distinct Catalogues are kept, which form nearly four-score volumes.

In addition to these, there are several printed Catalogues of different portions of the Library,* as follows:—

‘A Catalogue of the Archiepiscopal Manuscripts in the Library at Lambeth,’ by Dr. Todd. *Lond.* 1812, fol.

‘A List of some of the earlier Printed Books in the Lambeth Library,’ by the Rev. S. R. Maitland. *Lond.* 1843. *Privately printed.*

‘An Index to such English Books printed before the year M.D.C., as are now in the Archiepiscopal Library at Lambeth,’ by the Rev. S. R. Maitland. *Lond.* 1845, 8vo.

By a rule made in the time of Archbishop Sutton, the Library is accessible on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month; but a notification of the visit is expected to be made either to the Librarian, or to the Archbishop’s Secretary.

In order to accommodate those whose object is to obtain evidence respecting Tithes, Glebe lands, Manors, and the like, the Librarian attends the inquirer, and the separate Catalogues may be inspected. From any of these Records and Papers, transcripts, at a reasonable period, are also made; and for examinations of this kind there are accustomed fees, which belong to the Librarian, in his capacity of Keeper of the Records.

In regard to Literary inquiries, upon due notification of the expected visit, the Librarian is directed to make such an arrangement with the party as may suit mutual convenience. In examinations of this description no expense is incurred.

The Library is closed during the Long Vacation.

* See also, ‘Notes on Cathedral Libraries,’ by Beriah Botfield. *Lond.* 1849, 8vo, (page 189.)

LINCOLN'S INN,
NEW HALL, LINCOLN'S INN.

LIBRARIAN—*William Holden Spilsbury, Esq.*

The original foundation of this Library is of anterior date to that of any now existing in the metropolis. In the 13th year of the reign of Henry VIII., John Nethersole bequeathed forty marks, partly towards building of a Library here, for the benefit of the students of the Laws of England. It appears that little progress was at first made in the accumulation of books, for at a Council held in the 6th year of James I., because the Library was not well furnished with books, it was ordered, "That for the more speedy doing thereof, every one that should thenceforth be called to the Bench in this Society, should give twenty shillings towards the buying of books for the same Library, and any one thenceforth called to the Bar, thirteen shillings and four-pence."

The Library, which now consists of 27,000 Printed Books and about 900 Manuscripts, has been enriched at various periods, by donations from members of the Society. One of the earliest of the benefactors was Ranulph Cholmeley, Sergeant-at-Law, and Recorder of London, to whom the Library is indebted for several rare volumes, including some early Year Books;—a MS. of Bracton, of the xivth century;—three volumes of early Statutes, and other MSS. of importance. Sir Matthew Hale's collection of Manuscripts, consisting of 121 volumes, were bequeathed to the Society in the year 1676.

The late Mr. Coxe's MSS., in 94 volumes, were bequeathed in 1785, together with about 5,000 Printed Books. In 1808, the late Sergeant Hill's MSS., in 125 volumes, and in 1818, those of John Maynard, Esq., King's Serjeant, in the reign of Charles II., in 87 volumes, were added to the Collection.

In 1843, Charles Purton Cooper, Esq., who had previously given a valuable collection of American Law Reports, in 150 volumes; presented a fine collection of

books on Civil Law, and on the Laws of Foreign Nations, consisting of nearly 2,000 volumes in various languages.

Independent of Law Books and MSS., with which the shelves are well stored, the Library contains a large collection of the works of the most eminent divines of the Church of England, and a selection of the writings of some of the most distinguished members of the Society of Friends, together with copies of the best works in every department of Literature.

There is a MS. Catalogue for the use of the readers in the Library, which is kept up to the present time. A Catalogue of the Printed Books, with a brief account of the Manuscripts, was printed in the year 1835; and a Catalogue of the Manuscripts, compiled by the Rev. Joseph Hunter, in the year 1838. An excellent account of the foundation and progress of the Library will be found in Mr. Spilsbury's work, to which we are indebted for much of our present information.*

The noble room in which the valuable collections are deposited, is 85 feet long, by about 40 feet wide, and 44 feet high, and is warmed by pipes, containing hot water, carried beneath iron gratings along the floor.

None but members of Lincoln's Inn are entitled to the use of the Library, but the privilege of admission is granted by orders signed by the Benchers, to members of the other Inns of Court, and occasionally to persons not of the legal profession, for the purpose of any particular research.

The Library is open daily from nine o'clock until four, excepting during the Autumn. Books are permitted to be taken from the Library under certain restrictions.

* "Lincoln's Inn, its Ancient and Modern Buildings," &c., by William Holden Spilsbury, Librarian.—*Lond.* 1850, 8vo.

LINNÆAN SOCIETY,

32, SOHO SQUARE.

The Linnæan Society was founded in 1788, and incorporated in 1802, for the cultivation of Natural History in all its branches, and more especially of the Natural History of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Society possesses an excellent Library of nearly 10,000 volumes, consisting principally of works on Botany, Zoology, and Geology, many of them beautifully illustrated. The Library likewise includes a valuable Series of the Transactions of Foreign Academies, and Societies, with many of which the Linnæan Society exchanges its publications.

The Museum, in addition to the Herbaria of Linnæus, Sir J. E. Smith, Withering, Winch, and others, and the very extensive Herbarium recently presented by the Hon. East India Company; embraces a considerable collection of Australian Birds, principally formed by the late Mr. George Caley, and the Entomological Collections of Linnæus, Smith, and Sir Joseph Banks, the latter being especially valuable, from having been named by Fabricius, and the only authority in this country for the species originally described by that eminent Entomologist. The Society likewise possesses the Banksian Cabinet of Shells, and those which formerly belonged to Dr. R. Pulteney.

Election by ballot. Admission fee £6, and either £3 annually, or a composition of £30.

The meetings are held on the third Tuesday in January, the first and third Tuesdays in February, March, and April, the first Tuesday in May, and on the first and third Tuesdays in June, November, and December, at eight o'clock in the evening.

LONDON INSTITUTION,

11 AND 12, FINSBURY CIRCUS.

LIBRARIANS { *Richard Thomson, Esq.*
 { *Edward W. Brayley, Esq.*

This is a Proprietary and Subscription Library, and owes its existence to the meritorious and energetic efforts of several of the principal Merchants and Bankers of the City, in the year 1805. The first stone of the present edifice was laid on the 4th of November, 1815, and the Library opened there, April 21st, 1819.

The Sale which principally contributed to the foundation of the Library, was that of the books belonging to the Most Honourable, the Marquess of Lansdowne, which was commenced on Monday, Jan. 6th, 1806.

The first object in forming the Library was a proper supply of British History, Literature, and Biography; and, in works on English Antiquities and Topography, the Collection is believed to be one of the finest in Britain.

The divisions of Theology, Law, and Medicine, are not equally extensive, yet contain the works of some of the best authors in those classes.

The class of General and Foreign History and Topography is both copious and curious.

In the department of Voyages and Travels will be found nearly all the best and most interesting narratives, illustrated by large and numerous Atlases, Maps, and Charts, both ancient and modern.

The Library is well supplied in the larger Scientific works, particularly in those relating to Mathematics.

The history of Science and Literature is copiously illustrated by a very fine body of interesting Memoirs and Transactions of nearly all the existing Academies and Learned Associations, both British and Foreign.

The department of Continental Literature is furnished with excellent editions of some of the principal French

Authors, and with many of the admired works of those of Spain and Italy.

The Library is extremely well provided with Periodical Publications, Parliamentary documents and Records ; and the second volume of the Catalogue is devoted to a particular account of several thousands of valuable Tracts and Pamphlets, upon religious, political, and miscellaneous subjects.

The department of Classics is excellent. The Library also possesses most of the best writers and books of reference upon the subjects of Bibliography, with a very useful collection of Catalogues.

The number of volumes is at present estimated at upwards of sixty thousand.

There is a very valuable printed Catalogue of the Library in four volumes, 8vo. The second volume is devoted to a systematic classification of the Tracts and Pamphlets in the Library of the Institution, and is the finest Catalogue of that nature ever printed.

The principal apartment may be considered one of the finest rooms in England, being 97 feet in length, by 42 in width, and 28 in height.

The Library is open to the Proprietors daily, from ten o'clock in the morning until ten at night, excepting Saturday, when it is closed at three o'clock.

Admission to the Library may be obtained by the transferable bronze medal of a Proprietor, the visitor at entering, writing his own name and address, with the name of the Proprietor from whom he received the privilege, and the number of the ticket, in a book provided for the purpose.

The qualification of a Proprietor is fixed at seventy-five guineas ; the life subscription at twenty guineas ; and the annual subscription at two guineas.

The life and annual Subscribers have the same use and access to the Institution as the Proprietors.

No books are allowed to be taken from the Library.

LONDON LIBRARY,

12, ST. JAMES'S SQUARE.

LIBRARIAN—*William Bodham Donne, Esq.*

This is a Subscription Library, and was established in the year 1841, by the voluntary exertions of a number of gentlemen, forming at first a Provisional Committee.

It contains the best works in all classes of Literature, and is more especially well furnished with works on Theology, Philology, Bibliography, and German, French, and English Literature. There is also an extensive collection of works on Parliamentary History, Political Economy, Reports of Lords and Commons, and of Learned and Scientific Societies. The present number of volumes is about 64,000.

M. Guizot, in his Evidence given before the Commission on Public Libraries, in 1849, bears honourable testimony to the excellence of this Library, in the following terms :—" If the London Library had not existed in London, I should have felt great inconvenience ; there are a great many excellent books about English history which I have found there. "

Among the donors may be mentioned His Royal Highness Prince Albert, the Patron of the Institution, who has presented a valuable selection of the best German Authors ; His Excellency the Chevalier Bunsen ; Sir C. Pasley ; J. Stuart Mill, Esq. ; E. H. Bunbury, Esq., and others.

There is an excellent Catalogue of the Library, in two volumes 8vo, the first of which was published in 1847, and the second in 1852.

The Library is open to the Public throughout the year, from ten in the morning till six in the evening, daily, excepting on Sundays, and three days in the Christmas, Easter, and Midsummer quarters, when it is closed for the purpose of cleaning.

There is a large Reading Room, in which the quarterly, monthly, and weekly Periodical Publications are laid on the tables; together with Gazetteers, Peerages, Encyclopædias, Atlases, and works of reference generally.

Books are circulated upon the following terms:—Entrance fee, £6; Annual Subscription, £2. The latter may at any time be commuted by the payment of £20. The payment of £26 at once constitutes a Life Member. Foreigners temporarily resident in England are admitted at the rate of £3 annually, without the payment of an entrance fee. The present number of Subscribers is about 960. Persons who wish to become Subscribers must send their names to the Librarian, to be submitted to the Committee for their approval.

MEDICAL SOCIETY,

32A, GEORGE STREET, HANOVER SQUARE.

The Medical Society was instituted in 1773, for the advancement of Medical Science.

The Society possesses a very fine Library of old books, chiefly bequeathed by Dr. Lettsom.

Fellows are elected by ballot; and pay £1. 1s. at entrance, and £1. 1s. annually.

The meetings are held every Monday evening at eight o'clock, from the last Monday in September to the last Monday in May, with the exception of two or three weeks at Christmas.

MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY,

53, BERNERS STREET, OXFORD STREET.

This Society was instituted in 1805, and incorporated in 1834; its object being the cultivation and promotion of Medicine and Surgery, and of the branches of science connected therewith.

There is a Library of about 20,000 volumes, the use of which is restricted to Resident Fellows. Election by ballot. The fees are £6. 6s. on admission, together with £3. 3s. annually from all who are resident, or within seven miles of the General Post Office.

The meetings of the Society are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month, from November to June inclusive (except the fourth Tuesday in December), at half-past eight o'clock in the evening.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY,

17, BLOOMSBURY SQUARE.

The Pharmaceutical Society was instituted 1st June, 1841, and incorporated 18th February, 1843, for the purpose of uniting the Chemists and Druggists into one ostensible body, for the protection of their general interests, and for the advancement of Pharmacy.

It has established a Practical Laboratory, a most excellent Museum, a Library, and Lectures on various subjects.

Members are admitted either by election or by examination; in the former case the admission fee is £2. 2s.; in the latter nothing. Members resident within five miles of the General Post Office pay annually £1. 11s. 6d.; those resident without these limits pay £1. 1s. There are also Associates, admitted by examination, who pay 10s. 6d. annually, and Registered Apprentices who pay the same sum.

The meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

QUAKERS' LIBRARY,

86, HOUNDSDITCH, AND GRACECHURCH STREET.

LIBRARIAN—*James Bowden, Esq.*

The Society of Friends has two Libraries, one of which is deposited at Devonshire House, Houndsditch, and the other at their Meeting-House, in Gracechurch Street.

The contents are Historical, Biographical, Doctrinal, and Controversial; but the great feature of the collection is, that it contains nearly every Book or Tract written by members of their Society.

There is no printed Catalogue of the Library, but a MS. Catalogue has been prepared for the use of the readers.

The present number of books and manuscripts is unknown. The latter are said to be very numerous.

Admission is obtained by leave of the representative body of the Society in London; or by application to the Recording Clerk, at the Devonshire House Meeting-House.

The private rooms of the Society are set apart for those admitted to read. It is not a lending Library.

ROYAL INSTITUTION,

21, ALBEMARLE STREET.

LIBRARIAN—*B. Vincent, Esq.*

The Library of the Royal Institution was founded in the year 1803, by the liberality of a few Noblemen and Gentlemen, for the immediate use of the Subscribers to that establishment, but any person, on the recommendation of one of the Patrons, may always have access to it.

It consists of nearly 26,000 volumes, including the best authors in the Latin and Greek languages;—the writings of the ancient Fathers of the Church;—English County Histories;—works of Science and Literature, of Art and Antiquarian Research;—the Transactions of the principal British and Foreign Academies and Scientific

Institutions, as well as an extensive Collection of Historical and Miscellaneous Tracts.

Among the donors may be mentioned Count Rumford ; the Rev. Louis Dutens, who bequeathed 89 volumes of Miscellaneous Tracts ; Lady Banks, who presented a portion of the library of her late sister-in-law, Mrs. S. S. Banks ; John Guillemard, Esq., from whom were received 160 volumes relating to America ; and the British and Foreign Bible Society, which has presented 90 volumes of Bibles, and parts of the New Testament, in foreign languages.

The Manuscripts are few in number, the principal being 56 volumes of Letters, &c., respecting the American War, and some miscellaneous Papers of the late Lord Stanhope, as also the Laboratory note-books of Sir Humphry Davy.

A classed Catalogue of the Library, compiled by Mr. W. Harris, when Librarian, was printed in 1821, a new edition of which is now in preparation ; there is also an alphabetical Catalogue in MS. kept in the Reading-Room.

The Reading and Newspaper-Rooms are open every day, from nine in the morning till eleven in the evening ; the upper Library is open every day, from ten in the morning till ten in the evening, except on Fridays during the season, when it is closed at four in the afternoon ; and whenever it may be closed by special orders.

Members are admitted by ballot on the first Monday of every month, and pay an admission fee of £5. 5s., and an annual payment of a like sum ; the first year being paid in advance at the time of admission, or £63 in lieu of all payments.

Annual subscribers pay £5. 5s., and £1. 1s. to the Liberal Fund on admission.

The mode of admission for non-subscribers is by a Patron's order, and the Librarian is at all times happy to assist gentlemen engaged in Literary pursuits, by allowing them an occasional reference to books, or by procuring an order for reading for a limited period.

ROYAL SOCIETY,

SOMERSET HOUSE.

LIBRARIAN—*C. R. Weld, Esq.*

The Royal Society was instituted on the 5th of December, 1660, and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1662. As at present constituted, it is said to be the oldest Society of the kind in Europe, one at Rome excepted.

The Library belonging to the Society is very fine and valuable, consisting, more particularly, of the best works upon Scientific Subjects—Transactions of Learned Societies—Voyages and Travels—Reports of the House of Commons, &c., amounting in all to about 50,000 Printed Books, and 500 Manuscripts.

The choice and valuable Library formerly belonging to the noble family of Arundel,—the Manuscript portion of which is now in the British Museum,—was given to the Society by Henry Howard, afterwards Duke of Norfolk, in the year 1666. A curious and valuable collection of books was also left to this Society, by the Will of Francis Aston, Esq., in 1715. Among the Manuscripts, the volume of the 'Principia,' in Newton's own handwriting, and of the 'Parentalia,' by young Wren, are more particularly deserving of notice.

There are several excellent Catalogues of the Library, which were printed in the years 1825, 1839, and 1841. That compiled by Mr. Panizzi is considered to be one of the best in England. A Catalogue has been made of the Maps, Charts, Engravings, Drawings, &c., which exceed 5000 in number. Nothing has been printed since 1841, but the accessions have been continued in MS.

The apartments of the Society, granted by the Crown, are in Somerset House, where the meetings are held, and the Library and articles of property deposited.

The public are not generally admissible to the Library, but in no case is an individual refused access to a book,

even without a recommendation. Liberty is given to the Librarian, by the Council, to that effect.

The books are lent out to Fellows.

Election takes place by ballot. Fellows, when admitted, pay £10 as admission money, and a subscription of £4 per annum in advance. Fellows elected before 1834, may compound by a payment of £40, and those admitted since that period, of £60.

THE RUSSELL INSTITUTION,

GREAT CORAM STREET, RUSSELL SQUARE.

LIBRARIAN—*Edward Wedlake Brayley, Esq., F.S.A., &c.*

This is a Proprietary and Subscription Library. The Building was erected for holding assemblies and balls, and was purchased by the managers of this Institution in the year 1808.

The Library contains a careful selection of works in every department of Literature and Science, many of them being of great value, and rarely found in private collections. It has also all the principal Reviews, Magazines, and other Periodicals, and numerous excellent works of reference.

The present number of volumes, including the 'Parliamentary Reports,' &c., is estimated at upwards of 17,500.

A good classed Catalogue of the Library was printed in 1849, and an Appendix is now in course of preparation.

The Library has received some valuable donations from the late Duke of Gloucester; the Earl of Devon; the Commissioners of Public Records; Sir John Soane, and other gentlemen. Among the more valuable presents may be mentioned, translations of the chief Theological Works of Emanuel Swedenborg, presented by the Society instituted for printing his Writings, and several volumes relating to the Origin, History, and Discipline of the Society of Friends,

The advantages offered by this Institution are :—Access to works which, from their costliness, or their having only a temporary interest, an individual may not desire to purchase—Permission to take away for reading, four volumes at a time—The perusal of the Periodicals and Public Journals—Lectures—and the small Cost for which these benefits may be obtained.

The Library is large, measuring 75 feet by 26 feet, and the Reading-Room is well arranged and attended ; there is also a Theatre or Lecture-Room, and a News-Room, well supplied with 25 daily and many of the weekly papers.

Each Proprietor pays annually one guinea. Non-Proprietors may become Subscribers on payment of two guineas annually. The present price of a Share is five guineas.

The number of members, including both Proprietors and Annual Subscribers, is about 380.

ST. PAUL'S LIBRARY,

LIBRARIAN—*The Rev. Robert Collier Packman.*

The Library of Printed Books attached to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, was the munificent endowment of Henry Compton, Bishop of London, who died A.D. 1713. Its distinguishing feature is the impressions of the Sacred Scriptures, and its general character is Theological and Classical. Of General Literature, the works contained in this Collection are not important.

But few books escaped the destruction caused by the Fire of London in 1666 ; the most curious of them are, a MS. volume containing the Rules and Ceremonies of the Monastery of Syon, at Isleworth, founded by Henry V, in 1414,—a small folio volume, entitled 'Liber vocatus Remediarium,' in the original stamped calf binding, and a Medical Work of Avicenna.

The chief ornament of the Collection is a large paper copy of Walton's Polyglott Bible, and Castell's 'Lexicon Heptaglotton.' This work is of the greatest rarity.*

The additions to the Collection of the founder are by no means numerous, and for many years little or nothing has been done in the way of contributing to it. The present number of volumes is about 7000.

A MS. Catalogue is preserved in the Library. It is a thick folio volume, very carefully compiled, and contains a very sufficient and correct enumeration of all the books contained in the Library, in alphabetical order.

The noble and magnificent room in which the Library is deposited, is situated over the Consistory, on the south side of the Cathedral of St. Paul. The floor is beautifully inlaid with polished oak, and the room warmed by a spacious fireplace.

It is open to the inspection of the public, on payment of 6d., but the Books can only be consulted by permission of the Dean and Chapter.

The hours of attendance are, from nine till four, from March to November, and from nine till three during the rest of the year.

The Library is closed during the hours of Divine Service.

SION COLLEGE,

PHILIP LANE, LONDON WALL,

LIBRARIAN—*T. Pelham Duke, Esq.*

The Library of Sion College dates its foundation from about the year 1630, and owes its existence to the munificence of Dr. White, the Rector of St. Dunstan's in the West, who, in the first place, founded it as a row of

* For a more particular account of the Collection, see page 297 of Mr. Botfield's work, quoted at page 377, *ante*.

alms-houses. A few years later a Mr. Simpson, also a Rector in the City of London, built above it a Library, in which he put his own books, and which has subsequently been enriched by many donations.

The Library is remarkable for this circumstance ; that there is a very great amount of books which are either exceedingly rare, or altogether unique, of a Theological as well as Historical nature, and also books of ancient Science ; there are also some valuable early Printed Books, especially on Continental Theology. The Historical books are upon General History, and the Library is especially rich in works concerning the history of the time of Charles I., and of the same period on the Continent. It also contains an important collection of Tracts on the Romanist Controversy, formed by Bishop Gibson.

The original collection scarcely amounted to 4000 volumes, but considerable additions were soon made by various benefactors, and many books are said to have been transferred to it in 1647, from Old St. Paul's Cathedral. More than one-third of the books were destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666. In 1679, a considerable collection of books, which had been seized from the Jesuits, were sent to Sion College, some of which are very curious, and not to be found in other Libraries. Towards the close of the xviiith century, George, first Earl of Berkeley, presented half of the Library of his uncle, Sir Robert Cooke, and in the beginning of the xviiiith, the College acquired by Act of Parliament, the right of receiving a copy of every book printed in Great Britain, which right it retained until 1836, when the Act was repealed, and an annual sum of £362. 15s. 2d. was granted in compensation, which is chiefly applied to the purchase of books in Theology and Ecclesiastical History.

The present number of volumes is about 40,000.

A Catalogue has been undertaken, and is now ready for use. It is an adaptation of the Bodleian, and represents about 30,000 of the more important titles ; the

remainder is yet to be catalogued, but with the exception of about 10,000 titles of Tracts, the new Catalogue leaves out but little that is of any real importance. There are also two MS. Catalogues of a very extensive series of Tracts, all of which are at once available.

The books are very easily accessible: any Fellow of the College, that is to say, any Incumbent in London, has a right to introduce, by a note, any reader for a twelve-month; and a discretionary power is also given to the Librarian, to allow persons to consult the Library, whom he may consider qualified.

The Library is the property of the Fellows, who may make any regulations they please, but their object has ever been to throw it, as much as possible, open for the use of the Public.

The Reading-Room will, with convenience, accommodate 200 readers at one time. It is a large room, 120 feet long, of a height sufficient to be well ventilated, and is warmed by Perkins's apparatus, with warm water.

The Books are lent on Fellows' orders.

The Library is open from 10 till 4, daily.

TEMPLE, (INNER),

3, TANFIELD COURT, TEMPLE.

LIBRARIAN—*Rev. John Henry Rowlatt, M.A.*

The Library of the Inner Temple consists of about 16,000 volumes of Printed Books, and 500 Manuscripts, which principally relate to matters connected with Jurisprudence. There are, however, among the latter, many valuable volumes relating to Divinity and General History, including several ancient copies of English Historians, as Hoveden, Higden, &c.

With few exceptions, the Manuscripts were collected in the Tower, and partly composed by William Petyt, Esq., Keeper of the Records, author of 'The Antient Rights

of Commoners of England Asserted,' who bequeathed them to the Society.

A classed Catalogue of the Collection was printed in 1833, and an alphabetical one in 1843.

The Library is open to members of the Inner Temple only, except by a Bencher's order.

The hours of attendance are from 10 till 5, from March to August, and from 10 till 4, during the remainder of the year.

The Library is entirely closed during the months of August and September, a fortnight at Christmas, and a week at Easter.

TEMPLE, (MIDDLE),

GARDEN COURT, TEMPLE.

LIBRARIAN—*Rev. John Henry Rowlatt, M.A.*

This Library was founded in pursuance of the Will of Robert Ashley, Esq., in the year 1641, who bequeathed his Library for that purpose, and the sum of £300, to be laid out in the maintenance of a Librarian, who must be a Student of the Society.

It consists of books in most branches of Literature, but they more especially relate to Jurisprudence. The number of volumes is about 20,000, together with a few Manuscripts. Among the latter are twenty volumes of 'Pleas,' extending from the time of Edw. I., to that of Hen. VI.

The principal donors are William Petyt, Esq., Keeper of the Records, who bequeathed £50 for the augmentation of the Library; and the late Lord Stowell.

The last printed Catalogue of the Library was published in 1845.

The Library is open only to Members of the Inn under ordinary circumstances. Members of the other Inns

of Court may read on obtaining an order, signed by two Benchers of the Society.

The Library is open from 10 till 4 daily, excepting during the Long Vacation. Pen, ink, and paper, are provided if required.

The Books are lent to the Benchers of the Society under certain restrictions.

TENISON LIBRARY,

42, CASTLE STREET, LEICESTER SQUARE.

LIBRARIAN—*The Rev. Philip Hale, B.A.*

To Dr. Thomas Tenison, Vicar of St. Martin's, and subsequently Archbishop of Canterbury, belongs the honour of having founded the first Public Library in London. The first traces of the design appear in the year 1684. The deed of settlement is dated 1695, and was confirmed by an Act of Parliament passed in the first year of Queen Anne.

The Founder's idea was to supply the deficiency of "any one shop of a stationer fully furnished with books of various learning, within the precincts of the City and Liberty of Westminster." The Library to be "for public use, but especially for the Vicar and Lecturer of the said parish (St. Martin's), and the Parsons of the parish churches of St. James's and St. Anne's, Westminster, and the King's Chaplains-in-ordinary, to which Library they shall have free access at all seasonable times, to read or peruse any of the said books, without fee or reward."

The Library thus formed appears to have fallen into neglect soon after the Archbishop's death, as its endowment provided only for the maintenance of a librarian, and not for the purchase of books. It was not until 1835 that any successful effort was made to revive its usefulness. The proceedings of a Committee appointed in that year

by the parishioners of St. Martin, led to the establishment of a Subscription Library in connection with Tenison's Library, the management of the latter continuing under the original trust, and its books, about 3000 volumes, being confined to the Reading-Room, whilst those of the Subscription Library were circulated amongst the members. The latter Library no longer exists. The readers who frequent the former are chiefly clergymen of Westminster and its neighbourhood.

The Collection is, as far as it goes, an universal one, and embraces works on all topics; the generality of the books are, however, upon Theological Subjects.

The most interesting Manuscripts are; A finely illuminated copy of the 'Psychomachia' of Prudentius, written in the xith century;—a copy of the 'Versarium' of Fortunatus, of the same date;—a fine Missal and Psalter both of the xivth century; and an imperfect copy of Wicliffe's Bible.

Among the early donors were Dr. Courayer; Sir Paul Ricaut; Dr. Gibson, Bishop of London; Dr. Jortin; John Evelyn, and others; but no donations have been made since the middle of the last century.

Great and praiseworthy exertions have of late years been made by the Rev. Mr. Hale, the present librarian, to add to the Collection, and to place it in a better condition; more especially the Manuscripts, some of which were, until recently, in a very bad state.

A manuscript Catalogue of the Collection is kept up for the use of students. A Classed Catalogue of the Manuscripts, in the handwriting of the Rev. Samuel Ayscough, will be found among the "Additional" Manuscripts in the British Museum, numbered 5017,* 7.

Upon a person, not a subscriber, presenting himself and requesting to be allowed to read, the only inquiry respecting him will be, as to whether he comes from the ancient precincts of the parish of St. Martin's, which comprehends the modern parishes of St. Anne, St. James, and St. George. Every person in those four parishes, has an absolute right to demand to see the books at any

reasonable time, as above stated. Such as these will have access granted *de jure*, all others are only admitted *by courtesy*.

The Reading-Room will accommodate about thirty persons.

The Library is open from nine till four o'clock, on application at the residence of the Librarian.

WESTMINSTER LIBRARY,

THE CLOISTERS, WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

This ancient and extensive Library of Books, the largest of all the Cathedral Libraries of England, is the property of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, and owes its foundation to the munificence of Dr. Williams, Dean of Westminster, and Bishop of Lincoln, by whom, it is said, it was designed for Public use. In the manuscript Collections of Mr. Bagford, preserved in the Harleian Library in the British Museum, it is stated, "In the great cloyster of the Abbey of Westminster is a well-furnisht library, erected by Dr. Williams, who was a great promoter of learning; he purchased the books of the heirs of one Baker of Highgate. He founded it for public use, every day in term time from nine to twelve, and from two to four. The manuscripts are kept in the inner part, tho' now many of them are consumed by a late fire."

As may be conjectured, the general bearing of the Books is Theological, including a very valuable and remarkable collection of Bibles, more particularly of the English version. There is also a collection of Tracts formed about the year 1760, so numerous, that the brief enumeration of them, occupies ninety-one pages and a half, of the great folio catalogue compiled in 1798. Of these, very many relate to the Controversial Divinity of the early part of the last century. Nor must we forget a fine copy of the famous Complutensian Polyglott, 1515,

in 6 vols. fol. ;—Day's Service Book, 1565, with music ; —Barnard's Cathedral Music, only found elsewhere at Berlin ; and several English Music Books of great rarity. Perhaps the most curious book in the Library is one of those few printed at Oxford during the fifteenth century, which, to the typographical antiquary, possesses the additional recommendation of being printed upon vellum. It is entitled, "Johannes Latteburius, in Threnos Jeremie," Oxon. 1482, fol.

The room in which the Books are preserved, is over the Cloisters adjoining Westminster Abbey, and is lofty and lighted by a row of Gothic windows, at a considerable height from the floor. The Books, which were formerly more numerous, amount at the present time to upwards of 11,000 volumes, and are arranged in a small gallery in carved oaken cases.

There is a MS. Catalogue of the Library, compiled in 1798 by Dr. Dakin, the precentor, and arranged in alphabetical order.

The Library has suffered much from neglect, and many of its choicest treasures have been carried away in troublesome times. Of the early monastic library, only one volume is particularly worthy of notice ; being a copy of the works of St. Ambrose, written in a fair Gothic hand, in double columns, upon vellum.

The strict regulations under which access is afforded to this valuable and interesting Library are such as to insure it from further injury, either of accident or design.

DR. WILLIAMS'S LIBRARY,

49, RED-CROSS STREET, CRIPPLEGATE.

LIBRARIAN—*Richard Cogan, Esq.*

Dr. Daniel Williams, to whom belongs the honour of having founded the second Public Library in London, was an eminent non-conformist divine of the Presbyterian

denomination, and was born at Wrexham, in Denbighshire, in the year 1644. Dr. Williams died in London in 1716, and directed, by his Will, that his library should be arranged for public use, and that a piece of ground, either within or without the City of London, should be selected to erect a building upon, for which purpose he left the sum of £1600 per annum. This was accordingly done, and the Library opened in the year 1729.

It comprises a very extensive and valuable collection of books, both in the ancient and modern tongues, and in all the more important departments of learning, especially in those of Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and Biography. There are some old black-letter Theological works; a fine copy of the first edition of Shakspeare; and some curious old Bibles and Puritanical Tracts, chiefly of the xviith century. The Manuscripts are from 200 to 300 in number, a great many of them connected with the early History of the Reformation; together with many of Baxter's and John Howe's, and a considerable number of Sermons. There is also a valuable collection of occasional Forms of Prayer, many of which are not to be found elsewhere.

The present number of volumes, including Manuscripts, is about 20,000.

Donations are still received from the Public, but they are more rare than formerly. The principal benefactors have been, Dr. William Harris, who bequeathed the whole of his library, between 2000 and 3000 volumes; the Rev. Mr. Roe, 400 or 500 volumes; Mr. Archer; Mr. Gibbs; Mr. Sheldon; and Mr. Davies; have also been large contributors.

There is a Catalogue of the Library, printed in 1841, in 2 vols. 8vo, the first of which contains the Books, whilst the second is exclusively devoted to Tracts and Sermons, many of which are very rare and curious, especially among the Tracts. There are about 10,000 entries, making about 30,000 altogether.

The Reading Room is large, and capable of holding

from fifty to sixty readers at one time. The Library is open to every one free of expense, without any exception. It was necessary, till a few years since, to have an order from a Trustee if a gentleman wished to consult a book; now any person is admitted, by simply writing his name and address, as at the Chetham Library, Manchester.

The Library is open on every week-day, except Saturday, but is entirely closed at Christmas, Whitsuntide, and during the month of August. The hours of admission are, from 10 till 3 during November, December, January, and February, and from 10 till 4 during the rest of the year.

The Books, with some exceptions, are lent out by Order of the Trustees.

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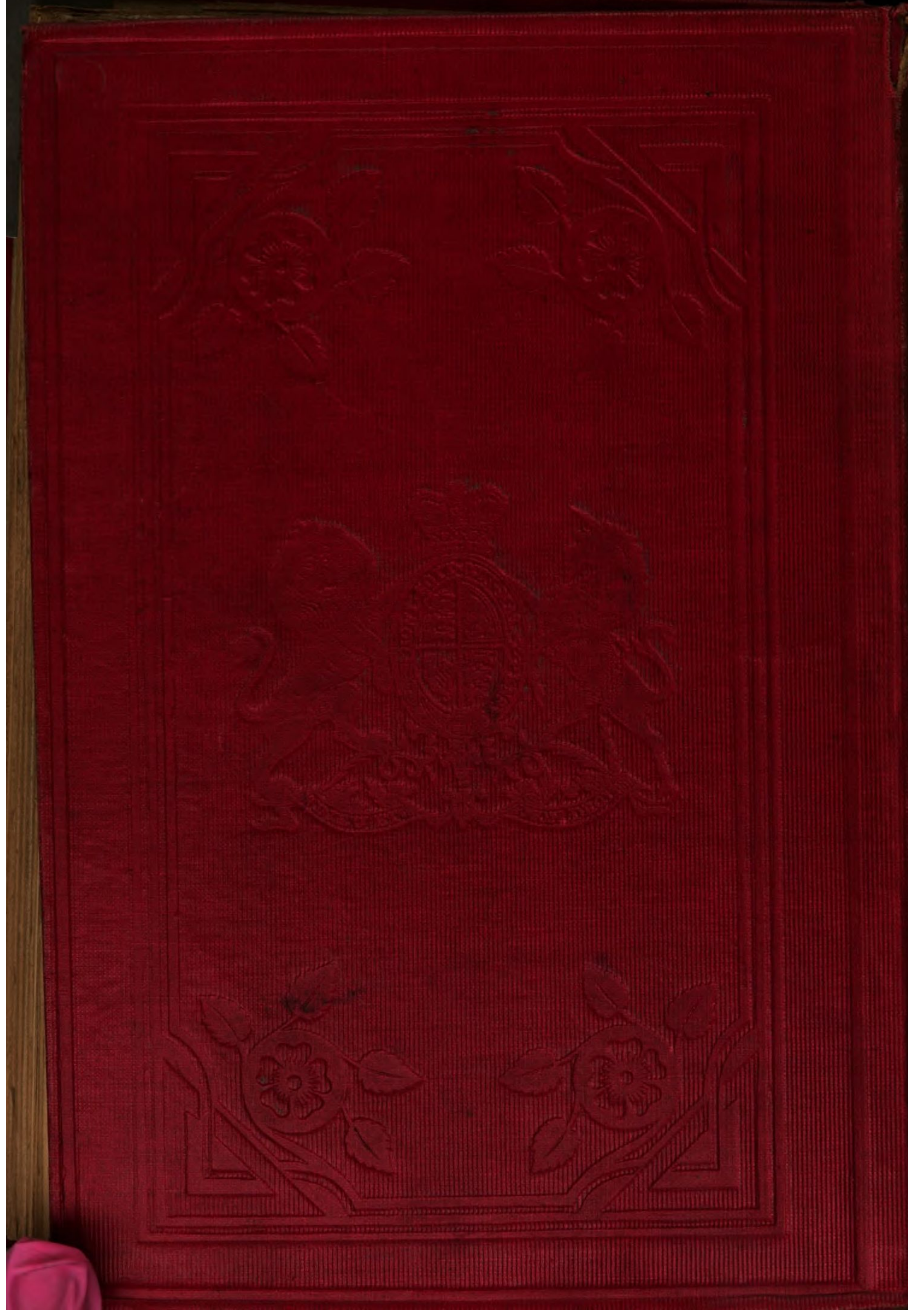
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